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*The Fifty-Seventh
Annual Report*

Of The

*City of Somersworth,
New Hampshire*



1949

UNIVERSITY
OF
SOMERSWORTH

Foreword



This report is published to inform the people of Somersworth of the functions of their municipal government. It also provides documentary evidence concerning the stewardship of its officials.

While detailed data in considerable volume has been eliminated from the various departmental reports, the facts are on file at the office of the city clerk and citizens are welcome at all times to view the records.

In brief, the report contains an analysis of activities and expenditures of the various departments for the fiscal year.

In Memoriam

JOSEPH B. NASH, Water Commissioner,
Died March 4, 1949

WILLIAM G. BALL, Member of School Board,
Died March 30, 1949

FRED J. LAUZON, Member of City Council,
Died June 18, 1949

ARTHUR J. GAUDETTE, Street Commissioner,
Died July 4, 1949

JAMES E. PERREAULT, Overseer of the Poor,
Died September 13, 1949

Somersworth and It's Origin

Founding Of The Parish Of Summersworth

The following are excerpts taken from "An HISTORICAL SKETCH" compiled by Honorable William D. Knapp, February 10, 1894.

The records of the first parish meeting under An Act passed by the House of Representatives Decr 19, 1729 is as follows:

To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Summersworth Greeting.

These are to give notice of a Parish meeting to be held at the meeting house in the Parish of Summersworth on Wednesday next the Seventh of this instant January, at ten of the clock before noon then & there to choose Parish officers for the Year ensuing as the Law directs, and all persons are desired to give their attendance at time and place, Dated at Summersworth, January Second 1729/30.

Paul Wentworth	}	Selectmen
John Recker		
Thomas Wallingford		

A true Entry of the original warrant per Thomas Miller
Par. Cler.

First Parish Officers

At a parish meeting held at the meeting house in Summersworth Pursuant to the above warrant on Wednesday, January 7th 1729/30. Paul Wentworth Esqr Moderator.

Doctr Thomas Miller Parish Clerk, Paul Wentworth Esqr Thomas Wallingford & Mr. John Recker Parish Selectmen, and James Hobbs was chosen Collector of the Parish Assessments.

A true Entry of the Parish officers as they were Elected as attests.

Thomas Miller Parish Clerk.

The First School Board

The first provision for a school in the new parish was made by the following vote at a parish meeting December 11, 1733:

Voted that the Selectmen have power to raise one hundred and ninety four pounds money, to pay Mr Pike his salary, his fire wood, the School, the selectmen and Clerk and Collector.

The money was probably raised, for July 2, 1734, the parish "voted that Hercules Mooney be the schoolmaster here for one month (Viz) from July 4th to Aug^t 4th 1734 next ensuing at Three pounds fifteen shillings per month, voted that Capt. Thomas Wallingford and Mr Philip Stackpole be the men that Joyn with the Selectmen at the months end above to agree with s^d Mooney or any other suitable person to keep school in this Parish for the Residue of this Sumer and autum."

Somersworth — A Town.

Establishing the Parish of Summersworth to that of a town was authorized by an act of the Legislature passed April 22nd, 1754 entitled as follows according to the first entry:

"Anno Regni Georgii Secundi Magnae Britanae Franciae et Hiberniae Vicessimo Septimo. An act for Erecting the Parish of Somersworth in this Province into a Township."

This change in orthography made no change in the meaning of the name. According to Dr. Samuel Johnson, whose large dictionary was published in 1775, "Sumer" is Saxon and "Somer" is Dutch for the English word "Summer." Summersworth (or Sumersworth as it is frequently spelled in the parish records) is all Saxon, while Somersworth is Dutch and Saxon. Whether the first vowel is o or u and the word contains two ms or only one m, the name means a summer town.

This name is unique. There is no other Summersworth or Somersworth in the United States. It is also peculiarly appropriate. New Hampshire has come to be known all over this country and beyond, as a delightful "summer state," and it requires little foresight to see in the near future, the city of Somersworth, with its magnificent Prospect Hill, its beautiful and diversified scenery of mountain, valley, and shore; its pure air, fresh from the hills, abundance of pure water, complete drainage, and ample accommodations for visitors, become widely known and sought after as one of the most desirable summer resorts in the state. But this is a digression: prophecy is not history. The record of the first town-meeting will show

who were the men prominent in town affairs. It is as follows:

At a Town meeting held at ye meeting house in Somersworth on Tuesday ye 14th day of May 1754 Pursuant to warrant by virtue of an act of General Assembly.

Capt. John Wentworth was chosen moderator of sd meeting. Doctr Moses Carr Town Clerk Cole Thomas Wallingford first selectman Capt. James Hobbs second selectman, Capt. John Wentworth 3d Selectman. Mr. Charles Baker & Capt William Wentworth assessors. Mr. Richard Philpot, Mr. Francis Roberts & Mr Samuel Austin, Commissioners. Mr Amos Howard, Constable, Mr. Daniel Goodin & Ensign Benj^a Twombly, Tythingmen, Capt Arch^d Smith, Mr Eliphlet Cromwell, Mr Moses Stevens Mr Saml Jones & Ensign Ichabod Rallings, surveyors of highways, Mr Eliphlet Cromwell, Mr. Ebenezer Wentworth & Mr Thos Whitehouse, Field Drivers, Thos Whitehouse, Abraham Mimmee Rich^d Downs & Saml Horn, Hogreves, Mr Moses Stevens, Poundkeeper, Lt Benja Wentworth & Mr Benja Weymouth, fence viewers, Dea Gershom Wentworth & Mr Philip Stacpole overseers of ye Poor, Mr Elisha Andrews, Surveyor of lumber, Mr Moses Tebbets, Leather sealer.

At ye above meeting Colo Thos Wallingford declared yt he freely gave to ye of Somersworth ye charge of mending ye meeting house Bell upon which ye Town voted thanks.

A true entry By Moses Carr Town Cler.

Somersworth — A City

The Legislature on February 24, 1893 passed the following Act, entitled, "An Act to Establish the City of Somersworth."

The First Municipal Officers were as follows: Mayor, Franklin N. Chase; City Clerk, Fred L. Shapleigh; Aldermen, Albert A. Perkins, Samuel A. Seavey, Albert A. Hamm, John Parsons, Jr., George J. Frechette; Councilmen, President, Cyrus Freeman; Clerk, Edmund S. Boyer; Phillip H. Stiles, Daniel Hodsdon, Alfred Carter, Charles H. Harmon, Frederick C. Pearson, Cyrus Freeman, Edward A. Smith, Octave Demers, George F. Hill, John Murray, Frank Dion, Martin V. B. Wentworth James A. Kearns, Daniel A. Whitehouse, Archie Houle; Treasurer, Almon D. Tolles; City Solicitor, David R. Pierce; Collector of Taxes, William F. Harmon; Sanitary Officer, Noah S. Brown; City Physician, Charles E. Swasey, M. D.; Overseer of

the Poor, William B. Martin; Street Commissioner, John P. Stevens; Assessors, Howard M. Hanson, Daniel Wingate, Eldorus B. White;; Police Department, Marshal, Patrick Quinlan, Assistant Marshal, Charles C. Bunker; Night-Watchman, Louis Letendre; Fire Department, Chief Engineer, James S. McDaniel, Assistant Engineers, Charles H. Plummer, Samuel D. Edgerly, Henry Duford, Lewis E. Mellen; Board of Health, President, Charles E. Swasey, M. D., Secretary, Noah S. Brown, William B. Martin; Inspector of Oil, Michael P. Flanagan; Weighers of Hay, Coal, Etc., Harry H. Remick, Benjamin F. Hanson, James E. Richards, Benjamin F. Hill; Sealer of Weights and Measures, Hilarion Gastonguay; City Messenger, Charles O. Rankins; Surveyors of Wood, Lumber and Bark, Leavitt C. Horne, Francis A. Thurston, Hiram Horne, Benjamin F. Hill; City Liquor Agent, Loren D. Casler; Fish and Game Warden, Edwin W. Folsom; Fence Viewer, Hiram Horne; Police Justice, William D. Knapp; Forest Glade Cemetery, Trustees, Jesse R. Horne, Edwin R. Bartlett, William F. Harmon, William D. Knapp, James A. Edgerly; Superintendent, William B. Martin.

Having secured by grant of the town of Dover ten acres for a meeting house and twenty acres for a parsonage, the next step was the ordination of a minister. Of that event the following is the record:

To the pewholders & other Inhabitants of the Parish of Summersworth

These are to give notice that there is to be a Parish meeting held at the meeting house in Summersworth on the twenty fifth of this Instant September which will be next fryday, at ten of the Clock in the forenoon in order to make choice of and send to some ministers to assist in the fast, then to be agreed on in order to ordination and also to do what shall be thought proper as to the ordination of Mr James Pike.

Summersworth Septem^r 19th 1730

Paul Wentworth	}	Selectmen.
Thomas Wallingford		

There is no record of the ordination, but the fact that in all subsequent records he is styled the Rev^d Mr James Pike is conclusive that the event transpired. Thomas Miller, the parish

clerk, closed the records of 1731 with the following satisfactory receipt:

Summersworth Decr 13, 1731

Recd of Constable James Hobbs ye sum of two Hundred and Thirty pounds upon ye accmpt of a Hundred Pound voted me in part for my settlement and my Salary for the year 1730.

James Pike.

In 1737 the parish "voted sixty pounds for a schoolmaster, voted that Mr John Sullivan be the schoolmaster for the ensuing year, voted John Sullivan to sweep and take care of the meeting house & to have thirty shillings."

John Sullivan came from Limerick, Ireland, in 1723, landed at York, Maine, was a teacher in Berwick, married Margery Bromer in 1735, and soon after purchased 70 acres of land in Berwick, where he resided more than 60 years. He died in May, 1796, in his 105th year. Major General John Sullivan of Durham was his son, Attorney-General George Sullivan of Exeter was his grandson, and John Sullivan, also attorney-general, was his great-grandson. These, with other distinguished descendants of the Berwick schoolmaster, were not the kind of people to be ashamed because their ancestor was once employed to sweep the meeting-house in the parish of Summersworth.

Men and women climbed different stairs in the meeting-house and probably occupied different pews, for in the record of a sale of certain privileges for pews in 1741, "voted that Mr John Wentworth shall have the priviledge over the women's stairs for a pew he paying to the Parish fifteen pounds for the same and that Mr Joshua Stacpole shall have the priviledge over the men's stairs for a pew, he paying to the Parish twelve pounds for the same."

On March 1, 1749, "voted that there shall be five selectmen for the ensuing year, and that they serve gratis."

Hugh Conner enjoyed the distinction of being the only pauper in the parish.

March 2, 1752, there were two paupers, and the Parish voted "Eliphlet Cromwell fifty pounds old tenor for keeping Hugh Connor and Deacon Thos. Nock forty pounds old tenor for keeping Richard Hammock ye ensuing year." also, "voted Abraham Mimmee four pounds old tenor for sweeping & taking care of ye

meeting house." Since he was not to ring the bell it is possible that the bell had failed to arrive. At the same meeting, "voted y^e meeting house be repaired & ye Belfrey Clabboarded."

In 1770 a meeting was called "to see if y^e Town will join Berwick in building & keeping in repair a Cart Bridge at y^e great-falls," but the meeting voted "the affair of the Bridge Dismissed," and the inhabitants of Great Falls and Berwick were left to cross the river as best they could, without any help from Somersworth. At that time the river could be forded a few rods above where the bridge now stands. From the record of the laying out of the Prospect Street highway it is evident that mills had been built at Great Falls before 1763, and perhaps before 1755, but by whom is not certain.

About the year 1700 a party of men formed a settlement near what is now Rollinsford Junction, and commenced to clear land and build houses. For several years the settlers of that region travelled on the Sabbath to Dover Neck, to attend church in the old meeting-house on which a 'Terrett' had been built in 1665.

In 1713 a meeting-house was built at Coheco Falls "on Pine Hill" where the law required all the inhabitants of the town to attend public worship. The people of this new settlement continued to attend church at Coheco Falls, until they were able, as they thought, to support a minister in their part of the town. For some time, meetings were held in a barn during the summer, and the place became known as the "summer parish."

In 1728 a church was established, and a meeting-house built.

In 1729 they sent a petition to the General Court, asking to be set off from Dover as a separate parish to be called the Parish of Summersworth. This name is derived from two Anglo-Saxon words, "Sumer" meaning the same as our word summer, and "worth," which in the termination of the names of places means a manor or town. The word means a summer-manor or summer-town.

To the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Parish of Summersworth.

These are to give notice of a Parish meeting to be held at

the meeting house in Summersworth, on Monday, the twelfth of this instant January at ten of the clock before noon to give Mr. James Pike a call to the work of the ministry amongst us and to make him proposals for his Settlement therein . . . and also to choose a committee to wait on him and offer the Same for his acceptance, all persons concerned are desired to give their attendance at time and place beforementioned.

Summersworth, January 10th 1729/30.

Paul Wentworth	} Selectmen.
John Recker	

A true Entry per Thomas Miller Parish Clerk.

In 1772 the public institutions of Somersworth consisted of a meeting-house, a school-house, a graveyard, a training field, and a pound, all of which were located at the centre of the town, now Rollinsford junction. That year the inhabitants decided to build a new meeting-house, to locate it "as near as may be to the one," and to sell the pew privileges at auction to obtain means for building it. Forty floor pews and thirteen pews in the gallery were thus sold.

No mention has been made of the troubles which the early settlers had with Indians, nor the Indian and French Wars, because Somersworth was not incorporated until after all those disturbances had passed away. Two or three residents of this part of Dover may have been killed by the Indians, and one or two captured and taken to Canada, where they were bought by the French and held until ransomed by their friends, but there is no record of these transactions, and tradition is too dim and doubtful to have much place in a brief sketch.

The part which Somersworth took in the War of the Revolution is largely a matter of record. Jan. 7, 1774, a meeting was called to consider and act upon the following articles:

1st to take the sense of the Town respecting the act of Parliament imposing a duty on Tea payable by the Colonists;

2^d Seriously to consider & determine upon some suitable measures to be pursued in conjunction with the neighbor towns to prevent the receiving the Teas sent over by the East India Company, subject to a duty upon its being landed here.

3^d To agree upon some probable method to prevent the Dis-

tructive Consequence of the Extravagant use of Tea among us, &

4th To pass such vote or votes relative to the above grievances as may be thought proper & conducive to Extricate us out of our present difficulties.

At a meeting April 21, 1775, "voted that twenty men immediately march from town to meet the enemy if need be, voted that the men that shall go shall have wages." This peculiar vote does not appear to have been a peremptory order, but rather a call for volunteers.

May 1, 1775, at a meeting called "to see if the town will purchase & lay in a stock of provisions for the use of the town in case of any emergency in this critical conjunction of our Publick affairs, Voted that ten pounds be raised to procure provisions for s^d town & that s^d provisions be lodged at squire Rollins' house till wanted."

Oct. 20, 1775, the town "voted that the soldiers now raised for Portsmouth shall receive customary wages."

July 3^d 1776, "voted that seven dollars a man be advanced to the soldiers that shall go to Canada for this town." Going to Canada was better appreciated in the days of the Revolution than in the days of the Rebellion.

Dec. 20, 1776, the town voted that ten dollars each be given as a bounty for six men that shall enlist for New York or elsewhere.

Sept. 11, 1777, the town voted twenty dollars to each person that should enlist till the last day of November next, if not sooner discharged. Then the meeting adjourned for half an hour. Then met and voted ten dollars in addition to the twenty voted before to each person that should enlist or be drafted the above term.

January 19, 1778, the town voted "that the selectmen be a committee to supply the families of such noncommissioned officers and privates belonging to this town as have engaged or shall engage in the Continental service with the necessaries of life."

April 6, 1778, the town voted "not to raise any money to hire any more soldiers."

There is no record now of the names of the soldiers who

served for Somersworth, and the number is a matter of uncertainty. It has been estimated at more than fifty. This would not include the "six-weeks men."

The town voted that Mr. John Smith have fifty dollars as a bounty from this town and that "a committee be chosen to treat with Madam Wallingford respecting her negro man, and the town will give what he shall agree with her for, with a proviso he does not exceed fifty dollars."

This negro man was the only slave in Somersworth. Whether the negotiations with Madam Wallingford to secure him to fill the last gap were successful or not, does not appear upon the records.

March 11, 1783, the town voted "to accept of Great-falls Bridge as it now is, for a Town Bridge, and keep the one half of said Bridge in repair in future, provided Berwick keep in repair the other half." According to tradition, this first bridge at Great Falls was located nearly in the same place where the bridge is now across the Salmon Falls river.

About twenty years ago a new post-office was located in Berwick, a few rods from the Market Street office, not so much to supply any need of the town as to provide a place for a post-master. The reason for retaining the name "Great Falls" for the post office in Somersworth (that it was the name of the village which was in both Somersworth and Berwick) ceased to exist when the post-office in Berwick was established. Somersworth has no post-office to its name, while the post-office called "Great Falls" has not and never had, any town or city to its name.

The name "Great Falls" properly belongs to the great manufacturing company whose capital has been employed for more than seventy years in making this grand water-power whirl spindles and shoot shuttles, creating opportunities for men, women, and children to earn wages and to use all their powers of body and mind in the direction of self-support, and so causing the development from the condition of a grist-mill, two houses, and an alder swamp, first of the village, then of the town, and now of the city.

The name of the post-office should be changed to Somersworth, without delay. That result can be readily obtained by

application to the postmaster general, through the mediation of a senator from the state or the member of congress from this district. About fifteen years ago the subject was suggested to Senator Rollins, a native of Somersworth, who called the attention of the then postmaster general to it, and received the assurance that the change would be made if the people of Somersworth wanted it. The only objection to it suggested was that as there was a Somerville in Massachusetts there might be mistakes result from having two post-offices so near together and with names so nearly alike, as Somerville, Mass., and Somersworth, N. H. The postmaster general at that time was David M. Key of Tennessee, and with a southerner's contracted notions of New England, he probably thought these two municipalities were contiguous parts of the same door-yard. If that distinguished P. G. had examined the list of post-offices at that time he might have found the simplicity of Great Falls, N. H., somewhat mystified by Great Falls, Maine; Great Falls, Mont.; Goff's Falls, N. H.; Glens Falls, N. Y.; Granite Falls, Minn.; and many other names which might cause a letter to be missent, including Great Mills, Md.; Great Valley, N. Y.; and Great Works, Maine. He would have found Somerville in eleven states, Somersville in one state, Summersville in two, and Summerville in seven states. There were also Somerfield, Somerset, Somerton, and Summertown. There was not in New Hampshire any post-office whose name contained the syllables "Summer" or "Somer;" and there was not in the United States a post-office named "Somersworth." If that objection is not answered, it will be allowed to subside with the remark that the people of Somersworth know about what they want.

City Seal, It's Origin, Designing and Adoption



Somersworth, N. H.
February 13, 1894.

To the City Council:

Your joint Committee on Ordinances beg leave to submit for your consideration the following amendment of the ordinances, being the third section to Chapter 2, relating to the city seal.

Sec. 3. The design shall consist of a disc of the size of a silver half-dollar, with a smaller circle within which shall give a space of $\frac{1}{8}$ inch between the circles, whereon shall be engraved, Incorporated a Parish 1729, a Town 1754, a City, 1893. Spanning the circles horizontally shall be a bar $\frac{1}{8}$ inch wide, with the name of the city and initials of the state engraved thereon in bold letters. In the space above the bar, on the left shall be engraved an old meeting house, and on the right a view of the falls of the Salmon Falls river, also a locomotive and cars. Below the bar shall be engraved a view of a mill.

Explanation:—The old meeting house and falls suggest the sources from which the town and village derive their names,

while the mill gives an idea of the principle industry, and the train suggests transportation facilities.

Geo. F. Hill	}	Joint Com.
A. A. Ham		on
P. H. Stiles		Ordinances

The following resolution which was passed concurred in by Common Council:—

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Ordinances be requested to submit draft of city seal, as outlined by the report, submitted by said Committee.

Voted to adjourn to Tuesday eve'g. next.

F. L. Shapleigh, Clerk.

Somersworth, N. H.

April 5, 1894.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen having again assembled, Ald. Perkins introduced the following resolution which was passed and concurred in by Common Council.

Resolved, by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen the Common Council concurring, that a committee of three, one from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and two from the Common Council, be appointed to obtain designs for a city seal, and present them before the City Councils for their consideration.

F. L. Shapleigh, Clerk.

Somersworth, N. H.

April 26, 1894.

The Joint Committee on Ordinances made the following report which was accepted and adopted and concurred in by Common Council:

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Explanation:—The old meeting-house and falls suggest the sources from which the town and village derived their names, while the mill gives an idea of the principle industry.

F. A. Hussey	}	Joint Committee
P. H. Stiles		on
John Murray		Ordinances

City Government

1949

Mayor
City Clerk

Councilmen

Ward 1

Oscar Lemay
Simeon Rainille

Ward 2

Norman A. Fournier
Louis P. Chasse

Ward 3

Fred J. Lauzon*
Vacancy

Ward 4

Joseph Aubert
Joseph H. Bolduc

Ward 5

Leon J. Littlefield
Alfred Perusse

City Treasurer

Yvonne D. Turcotte

Collector of Taxes

Joseph F. McKeon

Sanitary Officer

Peter N. Chasse

City Messenger

Albert E. Boisvert

Probation Officer

Frank H. Kinsman

Fence Viewer

William Krikes

Field Driver

Albert J. Nadeau

Auitors

Margaret C. O'Connell
George H. Gould

* Died June 18, 1949

Romeo St. Laurent
Napoleon A. Berube

Street Commissioner

Arthur Gaudette †
Joseph Tanguay, Aug. 2, '49

City Solicitor

John F. Beamis

City Physician

W. Edmour Precourt, M. D.

Overseer of the Poor

James E. Perreault*
Omer T. DeRoy, Nov. 15

Plumbing Inspector

Albert A. Tapscott

Board of Health

James E. Perreault,
Chairman

Omer T. DeRoy, Nov. 15

Peter N. Chasse, Clerk

W. E. Precourt, M. D.

Municipal Court

Clovis I. Desmarais, Judge

William R. Fitts, Clerk

Police Commissioners

Charles P. Kinsman,
Chairman

Norman T. Hainsworth, Clerk

Wilfred J. Pare

Police Officers

Charles A. Parsons, Marshal

Emil J. Gauvin, Assistant
Marshal

Patrolmen

William J. Orr

Howard Wooley

Frederick Rodney

† Died July 4, 1949

* Died Sept. 13, 1949

Department of Public Instruction

Romeo St. Laurent, Chairman Mary C. Furbush, Secretary
Members

* William G. Ball, Angelina Bickford, Russell Fontaine, Leo Cater, Anna Bernier

* Died June 18, 1949

Appointed by the Council—Emery L. Whitten, Mary C. Furbush, Lorenzo Ross, Rene A. Morin, James F. Malley

Standing Committees for 1948-1949

FINANCE—The Mayor, Councilmen Rainville and Fournier
ROADS, BRIDGES & DRAINS—The Mayor, Councilmen Fournier and Littlefield

BILLS IN THEIR SECOND READING—Councilmen Rainville, Fournier and Perusse

ENGROSSED BILLS & RESOLUTIONS—Councilmen Aubert, Bolduc and Chasse

PUBLIC BUILDINGS—Councilmen Lemay, Perusse and Aubert

CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS—Councilmen Littlefield, Aubert and Bolduc

PRINTING—Councilmen Bolduc, Lauzon and Chasse

FIRE—Councilmen Rainville, Lemay and Perusse

ORDINANCES—The Mayor, Littlefield and Lauzon

POLES & WIRES—Councilmen Lauzon, Aubert and Lemay

STREET LIGHTS—Councilmen Rainville, Fournier and Lemay

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY—Councilmen Perusse, Lauzon and Chasse

Fire Department

Chief Engineer—Edward A. Caron

First Deputy Engineer—James E. Beamis

Second Deputy Engineer—Albert J. Lessard

Water Commissioners

Chairman, Romeo St. Laurent, term expires January, 1952

Joseph B. Nash*, term expires January, 1951

Napoleon A. Habel, term expires January, 1950

Clerk and Superintendent, John R. Hodsdon, term expires

December 31, 1949

* Died March 4, 1949

Board of Assessors

Chairman, Michael O'Malley, term expires January, 1950
Clerk, Fred J. Coffin, term expires January, 1952
Roland G. Perreault, term expires January, 1951

Public Library Trustees

Max Isacoff, term expires January, 1952
Henry P. Mullen, term expires January, 1950
Celopie Semitros, term expires January, 1953
Roland A. Jenkins, term expires January 1951

Forest Glade Cemetery Trustees

Mary C. Furbush, term expires January, 1954
Frank H. Kinsman, term expires January, 1953
Fred H. Brown, term expires January, 1952
Fred Legro, term expires January, 1951
Melanie F. Sullivan, term expires January, 1950

Supervisors of the Checklists

Chairman, Thomas L. Perron, term expires September
Clerk, Annie Chasse, term expires September; Patrick
Mulvanity, term expires September; Oliver F. Colburn,
term expires September; Ernest Valley, term expires
September.

Park Commissioner

The Mayor, ex-officio, Romeo St. Laurent, Harold W. Adams,
M. D., term expires April, 1952; W. E. Precourt, M. D.,
term expires April, 1953; Rene A. Morin, term expires
April, 1950; William M. Ames, term expires April, 1951.

Weighers of Hay, Coal and Straw

John R. Hodsdon, Adjutor Turgeon, Leo F. Ruel, Wilfred
Breton, Leonard Ferland, Grafton J. Covey

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber

William M. Ames, Leo F. Ruel, Wilfred Breton

Mayors Since the City Was Chartered

1893-	Franklin N. Chase
1894-1896	Christopher H. Wells
1897-	Benjamin F. Hanson
1898-1900	Arthur J. Seavey
1901-	Haven Doe
1902-1903	John N. Haines
1904-	Freeman A. Hussey
1905-1908	Benjamin F. Hanson
1909-1911	Thomas J. Dougherty
1912-1913	Paul LaBonte
1914-1922	Fred H. Brown
1923-1933	Peter M. Gagne
1934-	Clement P. Roy
1935-1943	Alfred J. Boucher
1944-1944	*Arthur W. Proulx (Jan. 1-June 6)
1944-1945	**Napoleon A. Habel (June 6-Dec. 31)
1946-	Romeo St. Laurent

* Resigned

** Unexpired term

Ordinances-Resolutions-Petitions

AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCES:

Chapter 5—Sections 1 and 18 Re: salaries. Passed January 3, 1949.

Chapter 13—Section 14 Re: sale of refreshments on public streets. Passed June 28, 1949.

RESOLUTIONS:

Authorization of \$150,000.00 loan in anticipation of taxes. Passed January 3, 1949.

Authorization of \$225.00 for purchase of adding machine for Tax Dept. Passed January 3, 1949.

Authorization of \$7,594.00 for the purchase of highway equipment. Passed January 3, 1949.

Authorization of \$1450.00 to purchase fire hose. Passed January 3, 1949.

Authorization of \$100,000.00 bonds to be issued and sold by the City Treasurer with the approval of the Committee on Finance for improvement of a permanent nature to the City's Water and Sewer systems. Passed June 28, 1949.

Authorization of \$12,500.00 loan in anticipation of taxes. Passed June 28, 1949.

Authorization of \$35,000.00 loan in anticipation of bonds sales. Passed July 6, 1949.

Resolved to approve favorable action regarding N. H. Steel Mill Project. Passed July 6, 1949.

Authorization to transfer funds from one department to another to equalize expenditures. Passed December 7, 1949.

Authorization to extend the sum of \$50,000.00 of the original \$150,000.00 note. Passed December 27, 1949.

PETITIONS:

Sixteen petitions were presented to the City Council and all petitions were referred to their respective Committees with power to act.

Reports of City Officials

CITY CLERK

Other than being a general information center the duties with which the city clerk is encumbered are varied, and not too generally known.

One of the important functions is the accurate recording, indexing and reporting, to the State Department, of births, deaths and marriages. Facilities for examining records have been greatly increased by having two indices, one for the individual volume and a master index which gives an abridged record to be supplied practically instantaneously which has proven to be a source of rapid information especially in matters of telephone requests from Courts and Welfare Departments in and out of State.

Among other duties are that of recording personal liens, conditional sales contracts, writs of attachments and assignments, issuing licenses relative to marriages, pool rooms, bowling alleys, dogs, theatres, exhibition of skill, dances, shows, resident and non-resident fish and game together with automobile registration permits.

The matter of recording all transactions and business conducted at City Council meetings also is vested in the city clerk along with any assignment which the city council may deem advisable.

Under the provisions of the statutes, the city clerk must supervise the proper methods of drawing jurors, distributing election supplies and ballots for all elections in their respective wards.

Pursuant to our city charter all bills against the city must be properly vouchered and all checks for payment are drawn and countersigned by the city clerk and entered in their respective departments which include the payroll deductions of individuals subject to Federal Withholding Taxes, Retirement, Blue Cross and Blue Shield benefits.

The city clerk is a member of the Licensing Board, custodian of all city records and keeper of the city seal and compiles a comprehensive annual report for public information.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1949:

1948 Auto Tax Permits	\$	167.83
1949 Auto Tax Permits		13,115.92
Miscellaneous Licenses		664.50
Milk Lic., Collected by Sanitary Officer		84.00
Miscellaneous, Collected by City Marshal		26.00
Beano License, Collected by City Marshal		20.00
Rent of Pleasant Property		120.00
Sale of Land Laurier		40.00
Sale of old adding machine		40.00
Refund on Blue Cross and Shield		8.40

Total Collections		\$ 14,286.65
Dog Licenses, 1949	186.00	
Dog Licenses, 1948	\$ 5.34	
		191.34

Remitted to City Treasurer:	\$ 14,477.99
1948 Auto Tax Permits	\$ 167.83
1949 Auto Tax Permits	13,115.92
Miscellaneous Licenses, all sources	794.50
Rent Pleasant Street Property	120.00
Sales of Land Laurier Plat	40.00
Sale of old adding machine	40.00
Refund on Blue Cross and Shield	8.40

Total remitted to City Treasurer		\$ 14,286.65
Dog Licenses, 1948	\$ 5.34	
Dog Licenses, 1949	186.00	
		191.34

\$ 14,477.99

Respectfully submitted,
Napoleon A. Berube,
City Clerk

Examined and found correct, August 28, 1950
M. C. O'Connell,
George H. Gould,

Auditors

TAX COLLECTOR

Somersworth, N. H., December 31, 1949
To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen: I submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1949.

Collected and paid to the City Treasurer:	
1949	\$ 225,290.05
1948	14,868.52
1948 Interest	134.72
1947	1,019.10
1947 Interest	55.49
1946	50.00
1945	20.00
1944	15.00
1943	2.00
Sundries	540.13

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1949

— DR. —

Taxes Committed to Collector as of August 15, 1949:

Property Taxes	\$ 234,963.67
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	6,290.00
Total Warrant	\$ 241,253.67

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	88.20
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	46.00

TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 241,387.87
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— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal

Year Ending December 31, 1949:

Property Taxes	\$ 220,433.85
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	4,722.00
Added Property Taxes	88.20
Added Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	46.00

Abatements made during year—

Property Taxes	328.60
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Abatements made during year—	
Poll Taxes	112.00
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:	
Property Taxes	14,169.22
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	1,488.00
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 241,387.87

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1948

— DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1949:	
Warrant—Property Taxes	\$ 14,231.76
Warrant—Poll Taxes	1,266.00
Added Poll Taxes	44.00
Interest Collected During Fiscal Year	
Ending December 31, 1949	134.72
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 15,676.48

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1949:	
Property Taxes	\$ 13,974.52
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	850.00
Added Poll Taxes	44.00
Interest Collected During Year	134.72
Abatements made During Year—	
Property Taxes	132.24
Abatements made During Year—	
Poll Taxes	134.00
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:	
Property Taxes	125.00
Poll Taxes	282.00
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 15,676.48

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1947**

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1949:		
Warrant—Property Taxes	\$	1,020.80
Warrant—Poll Taxes		218.00
Interest Collected during Fiscal		
Year Ending December 31, 1949		55.49
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 1,294.29

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal		
Year Ending December 31, 1949:		
Property Taxes	\$	939.10
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00		80.00
Interest Collected during year		55.49
Abatements made during year—		
Property Taxes		13.70
Abatements made during year—		
Poll Taxes		56.00
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		
Property Taxes		54.00
Poll Taxes		96.00
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 1,294.29

**SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1946**

— DR.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1949:		
Warrant—Poll Taxes—		
Regular @ \$2.00	\$	142.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 142.00

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal		
Year Ending December 31, 1949:		
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	\$	50.00

Abatements made during year	42.00	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	50.00	
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$	142.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1945

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1949:		
Warrant—Poll Taxes	\$	163.00
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$	163.00

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal		
Year Ending December 31, 1949:		
Poll Taxes—Special @ \$5.00	\$	20.00
Abatements made during year		50.00
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:		
Poll Taxes—Special @ \$3.00		57.00
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00		36.00
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$	163.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
LEVY OF 1944

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1949:		
Warrant—Poll Taxes—		
Special @ \$5.00	\$	65.00
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$	65.00

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal		
Year Ending December 31, 1949:		
Poll Taxes—Special @ \$5.00	\$	15.00
Abatements made during year		10.00

Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's List:

Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$3.00	24.00
Poll Taxes—Special @ \$2.00	16.00

TOTAL CREDITS	\$	65.00
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SUMMARY OF WARRANT

LEVY OF 1943

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1949:

Warrant—Poll Taxes—

Regular @ \$2.00	\$	12.00
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$	12.00
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— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal

Year Ending December 31, 1949:

Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	\$	2.00
Abatements made during year		10.00

TOTAL CREDITS	\$	12.00
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SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS AS OF DEC. 31,
1949

— DR. —

Tax Sales Account of Levy of:

	1948	1947
Sales to City During Current Year	\$ 141.56	
Redemptions		\$ 492.30
Interest Collected		47.83

TOTAL DEBITS	\$	141.56	\$	540.13
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— CR. —

Unredeemed Taxes	\$	141.56		
Remittances to Treasurer			\$	540.13

TOTAL CREDITS	\$	141.56	\$	540.13
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Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. McKeon,

Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANT LEVY OF 1942

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1949:

Warrant—Poll Taxes—

Regular @ \$2.00	\$	12.00
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$	12.00
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— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal

Year Ending December 31, 1949:

Abatements made during year	\$	12.00
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TOTAL CREDIT	\$	12.00
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Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. McKeon,

Tax Collector

August 28, 1950

Audited and approved:

M. C. O'Connell,

George H. Gould,

Auditors

Approved:

Roland G. Perreault,

Placide J. Lagueux,

Fred J. Coffin,

Board of Assessors

YOUR TAX MONEY!

When you pay your taxes you receive in Municipal services--

Schools

Police protection

Garbage collection

Sewer Service

Highways

Street and sidewalk snow
removal

Library

Street Lights
Parks and Playgrounds
Fire Protection

You share in the cost of:
Relief and Old Age Assistance
Payments on Debt and Interest
Expenses of Administration, Public Buildings
Band Concerts, Memorial Day Observance
Expenses of Operating the Government of Strafford County
Improvements to the Various Departments

STREET COMMISSION

Somersworth, N. H., December 31, 1949

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the report of the Highway Department
for the year ending December 31, 1949.

Sidewalks

New sidewalks were constructed on the following streets:

High Street	904 ft.	Cement
Elm Street	21 ft.	Cement
Walnut Street	597 ft.	Hot-Top
High Street	162 ft.	Hot-Top
Green Street	78 ft.	Cement

Rural Roads

The Lily Pond Road, Rocky Hill Road, Whitehouse Road, New Dam Road, Indigo Hill Road, Davis Street and Blackwater Road were given a coat of gravel and graded and the brush trimmed back.

Oiling

Church Court was regraded with new gravel and two coats of Tarvia applied, also the lane from Washington Street to Elm Street. This department assisted the Cemetery Department in graveling and applying Tarvia to Avenues in the Cemetery greatly improving them for winter and spring use.

Memorial Field

With the highway equipment and labor available this department was able to loam, grade and seed Memorial Field completing same for football and football practice this fall, and assisted in the loaming and foundation work and planting of shrubbery also the erection of the tablet commemorating this field to all Veterans from Somersworth High School. The department also beautified the plot of land on Main Street recommended and planned by the Somersworth Woman's Club. Shrubbery was set and loam applied and graded and grass seed sown.

Playground

Work was carried on by this department as usual in the erecting and removal of all the equipment in the spring and fall and the mowing and care of the baseball field.

Equipment

A new Dodge truck and snow-plow was added to the equipment the past year.

Garbage collections have been extended and the regular work such as the cleaning of streets, cleaning and repairs to the sewerage system, trimming of trees and transplanting of additional trees throughout the City also including snow removal and the sanding of streets and walks to insure the safety of the trespassing of our citizens.

To the Mayor and members of the Council I wish to extend my sincere thanks for their cooperation.

Joseph Tanguay,
Street Commissioner

POLICE

Somersworth, N. H., February 2, 1950

To the Honorable Mayor and Honorable City Council:
Gentlemen:

Respectfully submitted herewith is the report of the City Marshal for the year ending December 31, 1949.

Arrests

Drunkenness	33
Disorderly conduct	1
Assaults	3
Non-support	5
Disturbing the peace	1
Selling liquor without a license	1
Bastardy	1
Carrying concealed weapon	1
Trespassing	1
Lascivious conduct	2
Failure to contribute to N. H. unemployment	2
Forgery	1
Larceny	1
Fraud by check	1
Receiving stolen property	1
Neglecting children	3
Interfering with officer	1
Adultery	1
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Motor Vehicle Offenses

Operating under the influence of liquor	20
Operating without a license	17
Operating with an unregistered auto	4
Operating after license denied	2
Operating after license suspended	2
Speeding	11
Allowing an unlicensed person to operate	5
Failure to stop at a stop sign	7
Parking in a restricted place	2
Failure to have auto inspection	10
Misuse of registration plates	2
Leaving scene of accident	7
Refusing to show license	1
Overloaded truck	2
Refusing to stop for an officer	1
Failure to keep to right of highway	2
Inadequate brakes	1

Abandoning auto on highway	1
Operating after license had been revoked	1

108

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Disposition of Cases

Paid fines and costs	138
Committed to H. of C.	13
Nol Prossed	4
Dismissed	7
Placed on file	4
Held for Supreme Court	2

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Juvenile Docket

Breaking and entering	7
Larceny	1
Disobedient child (female)	1

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Probation	8
Sent to the Home of the Good Sheperd	1

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All accidents reported	159
Autos damaged in accidents	139
Property damaged by autos	24
Auto and bicycle collision, no injury	3
Persons injured in accidents, adults	25
Persons injured in accidents, minors	11
Persons injured, serious, recovered	4
Persons injured, all minor injuries	17
Persons injured, minors	15
Dogs killed by autos	16
Complaint about dogs	6
Dogs shot by police	20

Goods reported stolen	17
Goods reported stolen, recovered	16
Auto reported stolen, recovered	1
Auto reported stolen, recovered for other police	1
Goods reported lost	30
Goods reported lost, recovered	15
Bicycle reported stolen, recovered by police	3
Persons reported missing, adults, located	3
Minors reported missing, recovered	21
Assistance to persons	179
Assistance to other departments	72
Assistance to other police departments	120
Arrests for other police	3
Persons for safe keeping	75
Persons given lodgings	184
Doors found unlocked	192
Street lights reported out	115
Fire alarms answered by police	14
Breaking and entering by Juvenile	11
Breaking and entering, cleared by arrest	8
Breaking and entering, nothing taken	3
Escape prisoner from the H. of C., apprehended	1
Forger	1
Persons taken to state hospital	1
Juvenile, accidentally killed by gun shot, male	1
Complaints about "on sale" places	6
Beer license suspended	1
Complaints reported to and attended by police	580
No fatal accidents for the year of 1949.	

Respectfully submitted,

Charles A. Parsons,

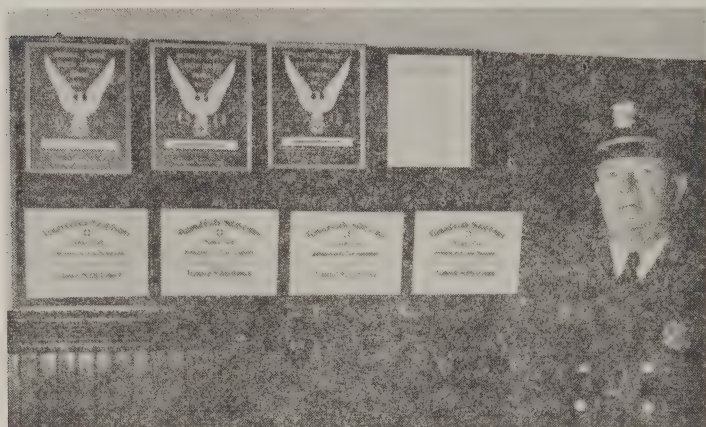
Chief of Police

SAFETY RECORD RECOGNIZED BY STATE—NATION

SOMERSWORTH, July 20—Twin honors came to the Somersworth city government and Police Department today for a 1949 safety record of no traffic fatalities.

Motor Vehicle Commissioner Frederick N. Clarke invited representatives of the city to come to Concord, Friday, July 28,

to receive a plaque awarded by the National Safety Council in recognition of the city's perfect record last year.



Mayor Romeo St. Laurent and City Marshal Charles A. Parsons plan to attend the ceremony, which will be held at 9:30 a. m. in Gov. Sherman Adams' executive chambers.

The same mail that brought the invitation from Concord also brought a letter of congratulation from the American Automobile Association conferring special recognition on Somersworth for its record of no pedestrian deaths in 1949.

Last year was Somersworth's fifth year without a traffic fatality, and the city is now one of the leaders in the nation in its record of traffic safety.

City Marshal Charles A. Parsons, when asked for his prescription for a traffic safety record, said "It isn't all luck. It's a combination of law enforcement combined with careful driving" he said.

"And the credit should be shared with the mayor, the city council, and the street commissioner," he added. "They have all helped by cooperating with any request made by the police department."

CITY SOLICITOR

Somersworth, N. H., January 1, 1950

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the City Council:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the period January 1, 1949, to December 31, 1949.

During the year the City was involved in no civil litigation and only the usual routine matters came up. Once again the City maintained its record of freedom from any serious crime, and the usual complaints were brought before the Municipal Court.

This report concludes my duties as City Solicitor, and I wish to express my appreciation to the Mayor, members of the City Council and the other City officials for the cooperation and help given me during my term of service beginning in 1940 after the death of Thomas J. McGreal. The next few years will probably bring a number of serious matters for the City, and I hope that as a citizen I can be of some service.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Beamis,

City Solicitor

FOREST GLADE CEMETERY

Somersworth, N. H., December 31, 1949

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:

Herewith we submit a report of the affairs of Forest Glade Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1949 as made up by the clerk.

RECEIPTS

Trust Fund Income	\$	1,042.60	
Appropriation		4,500.00	
Cemetery Income		1,000.60	
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TOTAL	\$		6,543.20

EXPENDITURES

Labor	\$	4,925.10	
Supplies and Repairs		1,454.49	
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TOTAL	\$		6,379.59
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Balance Unexpended	\$		163.61

Respectfully submitted,

(s) Melanie W. Sullivan,
(s) Mary C. Furbush,
(s) Fred Legro,
(s) Frank H. Kinsman,

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Total for year ending December 31, 1948	\$	51,971.24
Withdrawal—Refund, John B. Ouellette lot		200.00
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		51,771.24
Added during year ending December 31, 1949:		
David Buffum Lot, Ave. E. South		
Deposited by Charlotte Buffum		300.00
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Total in Somersworth Savings Bank	\$	52,071.24

MUNICIPAL COURT

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit the report of the Municipal Court of the City of Somersworth for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1949.

CRIMINAL DOCKET

Total number arraigned	168
Non-support	4
Fraud by check	1
Larceny	1
Dismissed	3
Superior Court	1
Forgery	1
Drunken Driving	20
Other Offences—Motor Vehicles	78
Bastardy	1
Assault	3
Drunks	33
Carrying Dangerous Weapon	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Neglect of Children	3
Adultery	1
Lascivious Conduct	2
Disturbing the Peace	1
Selling Liquor without a license	1
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Failure to contribute to N. H. Unemployment	2
Trespassing	1
Contributing to delinquency of Juvenile	1
Nol prossed	4
Placed on File	2
Interfering with an Officer	1
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Disposition of Cases

Paid Fines and Costs	138
Committed to House of Correction	13
Nol Prossed	4
Dismissed	7
Placed on File	4
Held for Superior Court	2
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Total Cases for 1949	168

No. Juvenile Docket	
Delinquent Children—all continued	8

Civil Court	
Total number of cases entered	11

Small Claims Cases	
Total number of cases entered	4

Receipts from Fines, Costs, Civil Court Fees	
January 1, Cash on hand	\$ 767.10
January	480.94
February	248.80
March	336.62
April	355.58
May	587.74
June	353.18
July	189.44
August	141.56
September	112.80
October	208.08
November	240.30
December	545.62

\$	4,567.76
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Witness fees	\$ 201.04
State Motor Vehicle Commissioner	1,454.80
City of Somersworth, treasurer	1,200.00
Court charges	104.40
Transportation of prisoners	84.00
Supplies	86.23
Postage	6.00
Probation Officer	200.00
Medical Services	5.00
New Hampshire Aeronautics Commission	75.00

Total	\$ 3,416.47
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Respectfully submitted,
W. R. Fitts,

Clerk

THE SOMERSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY

FREE TO ALL SOMERSWORTH CITIZENS

46 ORANGE STREET

The Library is open to the public every weekday (but Wednesday) from 2 to 6, except Saturday 2 to 8 p. m.

The Somersworth Library is one of the oldest in the state and celebrated its one hundredth anniversary January 1, 1942.

In the Circulating Department are nearly 20,000 volumes. New books are added to the Library on the fifteenth day of each month.

In the Reading Room are current magazines; these may be borrowed for home reading.

In the Children's Corner are books carefully selected for young people.

The Library has a special collection of Websteriana, comprising books by and about Daniel Webster and many framed photographs of New Hampshire's famous statesman.

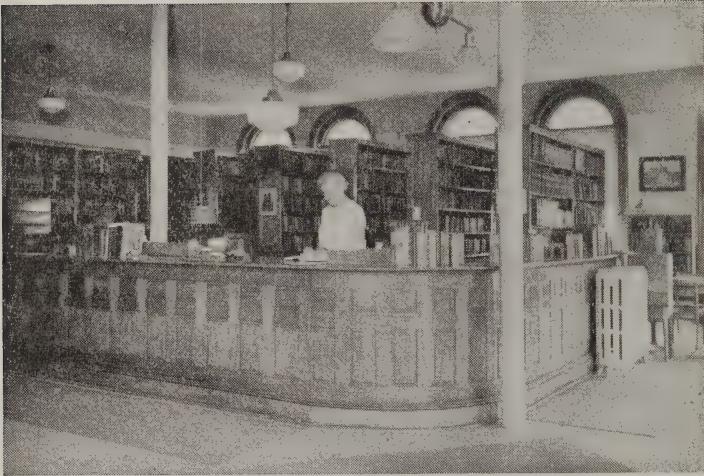
The Library is free to all persons residing in Somersworth. The Trustees desire that it be of the most possible service, and all who are interested in good reading are invited to make use of it and all aid that the Librarian may be able to render its patrons.

MRS. LEONA H. SAVITHES, Librarian.

TRUSTEES

Mayor Romeo St. Laurent, Henry P. Mullen, Max Isacoff, Celopie Semitros, Roland A. Jenkins, Gerard L. Gaudreau

LIBRARY



To His Honor, the Mayor, and the City Council:

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to report that we find the Library in excellent condition and we cannot praise too highly the very fine work which has been done by our Librarian. Despite the increased cost of the books and material necessary to carry out her work, she has managed to purchase books and magazines to keep the library abreast of the times and yet keep within the yearly appropriations granted us.

During this past year, the trustees have had under consideration a childrens' hour. We have discussed the feasibility of this program with the Somersworth Woman's Club and have received their approval and their helpful cooperation. Whether the size of our present reading room will warrant the introduction of such a program is still problematical. However, we are still studying it in hopes that we may in time find a favorable solution.

We are very grateful to you for the excellent support you have given us throughout the year.

Henry P. Mullen,
Chairman
Miss Celopie Semitros,
Roland Jenkins,
Max Isacoff,
Gerard Gaudreau,
Trustees

Somersworth, N. H., January 1, 1950

To the Trustees of the Somersworth Public Library:

Gentlemen:

My report for the year 1949 is herewith presented.

The year's end brings a flood of pleasant memories, as in retrospect we survey the rush and work done in the library during the last twelve months.

Having the statistics before us, we are very happy with the record of the last year. It shows that we have served the people of this city carefully and competently.

Since we keep a daily record of book circulation it is not necessary to guess at the number of volumes loaned; there were exactly 18,536 books and magazines borrowed from the library. We do not however keep a record of reference questions answered. The amount of time and work involved in answering questions asked by public school pupils together with the problems on the "radio quiz" programs occupies many hours each week.

As is our custom we have had new books ready for circulation the fifteenth day of each month. The list of acquisitions appears in "The Free Press" and is then printed on slips and distributed to library patrons. Therefore, if these lists are kept, they form a record of all new books added to the library during twelve months.

Among gifts received were books from Mrs. Reba Lord

Bigelow, who sent the novel "Flames of Time"; the "Hilltop Echo" from Somersworth High School seniors; "The Grange, Friend of the Farmer" from the Somersworth Grange"; "Nature of Patentable Inventions" from the local lawyer, Hon. John E. R. Hayes; several books from Mrs. Jonathan Osgood; and music from Arthur Landry. "The Free Press" is received every week with the compliments of the Somersworth Free Press, Inc.; Rev. J. F. Happny gave a subscription to "America, a Catholic Review of the Week"; and "The Christian Science Monitor" is received daily as a gift from the Christian Science Committee on Publications for the state of New Hampshire.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ball presented 1000 book marks to be distributed in books loaned. These book marks saved many marked pages and turned down corners.

In the reading room 22 magazines were received by subscription and many others came as gifts from the publishers.

A discriminating choice of literature and a desire to have the best publications bring this library good books for everyone.

Miss Katherine Stamatouras has been an efficient helper; she has been very faithful in her work and is a valued assistant.

An opportunity is taken at this time to express appreciation of the Trustee's kind cooperation during the year.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of days open during the year	252
Closed Wednesdays, Sundays and legal holidays	
Hours: 2:00 to 6:00 P. M. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	
2:00 to 8:00 P. M. on Saturdays	

BOOKS

Volumes in Library, January 1, 1949	20,716
Added during 1949	459
(By purchase 439; by gift 20)	
(Adult books 343; Juvenile books 116)	
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Withdrawn during the year	21,175
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Books in library, January 1, 1950	21,009

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS

Total number of books loaned	18,536
(Adult books, 13,453; Juvenile books, 5083)	

CIRCULATION BY CLASSES

General works	115
Philosophy and Religion	177
Sociology	544
Language and Literature	682
Natural Science (Astronomy, Chemistry, Geology, Botany, Zoology, etc.)	392
Useful and Fine Arts (Domestic science, Home Deco- ration, Painting, Photography, Amusements, etc.)	1,383
History and Travel	678
Biography	516
Magazines	1,388
Pamphlets	227
Pictures	29
French Books	123
Music	43
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Total non-fiction	6,297
Total fiction	12,239
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Total number of books loaned	18,536

Respectfully submitted,
Leona H. Savithes,
Librarian

BOARD OF HEALTH

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen, I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1949.

Buried nuisance	108
Complaints from other sources	60
Disinfection of houses	4

Issued 42 milk licenses at \$2.00	\$84.00
Issued 3 milk licenses exempt by law of fee	3
Contagious disease	None

Peter N. Chasse,
Sanitary Officer

WATER WORKS

Board of Water Commissioners
Somersworth,
New Hampshire
Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit to you the report of the Water Department for the year ended December 31, 1949.

The following is an itemized report of the accomplishments of the Department.

New Services	22
Old Services renewed	15
Services turned off or on	30
Leaks checked and repaired	38
Meter readings checked	52
Freezeups	28
Meter Changes	12
New Meters installed	50
Amount of water pumped—1949	156,543,900 gallons
Amount of water pumped—1948	138,436,250 gallons

After careful study by the Board of Water Commissioners and upon the advice of a consulting engineer on standpipes, it was deemed advisable and necessary to complete this work this year resulting in the issue of \$15,000.00 in bonds and the contract awarded to General Painting and Maintenance Corporation. The standpipe was sandblasted and three coats of paint were applied on the inside and the outside and welded where

necessary completing the major repairs on this tank which have never been attempted since its construction.

Extensions to the mains and installation of hydrants the past year financed by the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$38,000.00 are as follows:

Davis St.—1083' 6" pipe—1 hydrant—16 House Services	\$	4,430.77
Depot St.—1170' 6"—1 hydrant		4,803.20
Downs St.—218' 6" pipe		815.34
Buffumsville Rd.—1857' 6" pipe—3 hydrants—20 House Services		7,407.43
Lemelin's Ct.—428' 6" pipe—1 hydrant—2 House Services		1,736.57
Blackwater Rd.—253' 6" pipe—1 hydrant—1 House Service		1,010.82
Rowland St.—180' 6" pipe—1 House Service		555.85
West High St.—809' 6" pipe—1 hydrant—9 House Services		3,100.21
High St.—1021' 6" pipe—2 hydrants		3,571.70
Main St.—320' 6" pipe		3,337.00

Total	\$	30,768.89
Water Works Bond Issue	\$	38,000.00
Water Works Expenditures		30,768.89

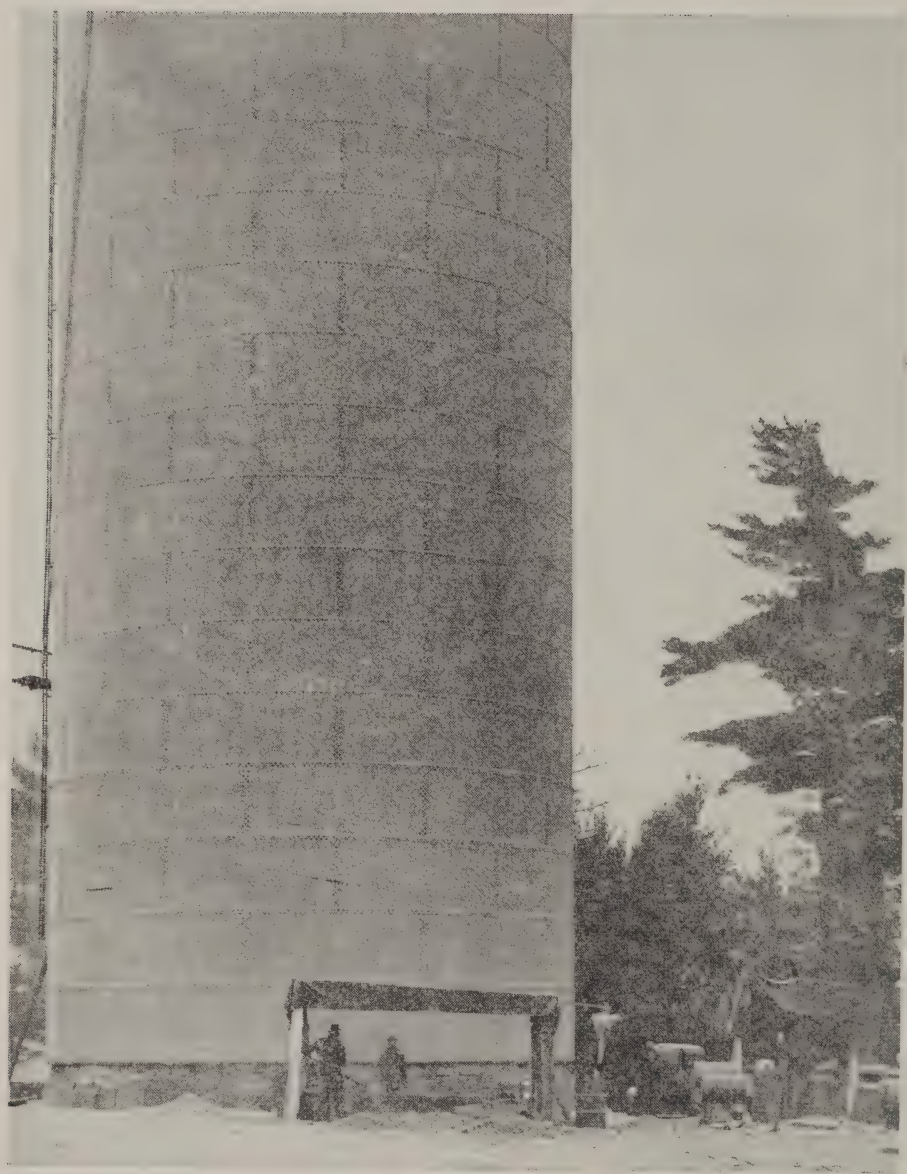
Balance	\$	7,231.11
Standpipe Bond Issue	\$	15,000.00
Standpipe Expenditures		13,771.42

Balance	\$	1,228.58
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New equipment purchased by the department includes a new up-to-date service body for the truck, a Worthington Compressor and an additional Remington Rand Kardex File.

The following is the Comparative Balance Sheet as submitted to the Public Service Commission and also Comparative Statement of Operations.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Hodsdon,
Superintendent



Somersworth Water Works
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
 As at December 31, 1949 and 1948

ASSETS			Increase or Decrease*
Fixed Assets	1949	1948	
Land	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$
Water Supply Structure	22,491.01	22,491.01	
Pumping Station Structure	32,869.20	32,869.20	
Water Supply Equipment	49,684.64	35,913.22	13,771.42
Pumping Station Equipment	11,199.77	11,199.77	
Purification Equipment	1,076.18	1,076.18	
Water Storage Equipment	17,683.81	19,275.41	1,591.60*
Distribution Mains	145,252.79	118,572.65	26,680.14
Services	26,158.79	23,795.54	2,363.25
Hydrants	12,370.49	9,572.89	2,797.60
Meters	13,767.05	12,755.79	1,011.26
Truck	4,129.84	1,341.09	2,788.75
Other Equipment	2,430.39	741.65	1,688.74
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 341,313.96	\$ 291,804.40	\$ 49,509.56
Current Assets			
Cash Bond Issue—			
New Extensions	7,231.11		7,231.11
Cash Bond Issue—			
Standpipe	1,228.58		1,228.58
Material & Supplies	7,260.93	8,086.18	825.25*
Accounts Receivable	9,810.21	12,097.36	2,287.15*
Total Current Assets	25,530.83	20,183.54	5,347.29
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 366,844.79	\$ 311,987.94	\$ 54,856.85



LIABILITIES

Capital Liabilities

Municipal Investment	\$ 100,392.79	\$ 100,392.79	\$
Funded Debt	74,000.00	29,000.00	45,000.00
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Total Capital			
Liabilities	174,392.79	129,392.79	45,000.00
Contributions to Aid			
in Construction	21,420.35	21,420.35	
Accrued Interest	30.00	30.00	
Reserve for Depre-			
ciation	145,769.42	141,848.44	3,920.98
Surplus	25,232.23	19,296.36	5,935.87
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TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$ 366,844.79 \$ 311,987.94 \$ 54,856.85

* Denotes Red

Exhibit B

Somersworth Water Works

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 1949 and 1948

				Increase or Decrease*
Income	1949	1948		
Commercial Sales				
and Job Work	\$ 38,130.30	\$ 34,694.13	\$	3,436.17
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Operating Expenses				
Pumping Station, Labor	1,487.50	1,557.59		70.09*
Pumping Station,				
Expense	456.88	276.70		180.18
Power Purchased	3,293.04	3,013.00		280.04
Superintendence	1,612.00	1,544.50		67.50
Distribution-Labor	252.00	692.74		440.74*
Distribution of				
Supplies	419.40	254.05		165.35
Repairs to Mains	914.32	50.00		864.32
Repairs to Services	612.02	3,163.44		2,551.42*

Repairs to Hydrants	373.20	582.39	209.19*
Repairs to Meters	242.77	17.10	225.67
Repairs to Wells	375.74	42.81	332.93
Office Salaries and Expense	1,411.83	1,840.63	428.80*
General Expense	900.00	740.94	159.06
Insurance	255.50	263.55	8.05*
Shop Expense	445.16	489.50	44.34*
Truck Expense	239.81	353.88	114.07*
Interest	1,103.75	120.00	983.75
Purification Expense		72.00	72.00*

Total Operating Expenses	14,394.92	15,074.82	679.90*
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Net Income Before Depreciation	23,735.38	19,619.31	4,116.07
Depreciation	5,512.58	5,028.67	483.91

Net Income for the Year	18,222.80	14,590.64	3,632.16
Balance of Cash Approp- riated by City	12,286.93	12,014.88	272.05

INCREASE IN

SURPLUS	\$ 5,935.87	\$ 2,575.76	\$ 3,360.11
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* Denotes Red

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

WELFARE & RELIEF DEPARTMENT—1949

DIRECT RELIEF CASE REPORT

No. Fam. No. No. Sing. No.

	Gro.	Clo.	Fuel	Rent	Med.	Hosp.	B.&C.	Off.Ex.	O.A.A.	of	Ex.	of in	Ex.	of	Total
Jan.	98.00		16.50	10.00	150.00		89.29	8.65	573.07	52	124.50	3	10	239.29	4
Feb.	220.00		27.90	28.50			95.26	9.60	614.27	51	276.40	4	12	95.26	4
Mar.	148.00		27.70	27.00	30.39	15.43	154.11	15.41	566.85	51	308.52	7	19	94.11	3
Apr.	245.00		1.00	40.00	3.25		186.11	8.75	743.67	50	344.25	4	17	131.11	4
May	167.00		15.60	37.00	71.50		279.87	7.70	586.72	51	248.60	3	10	322.37	10
June	240.00		1.00	40.25	112.10		283.04	27.90	611.24	52	328.75	4	12	347.64	12
July	200.00		2.65	91.50	4.00		197.29	10.05	584.68	52	146.00	2	4	349.44	10
Aug.	160.00		2.44	75.25	135.65	16.00	321.72	24.50	603.84	52	312.25	3	6	338.81	10
Sept.	186.00	4.00	31.77	65.25	1.50	110.00	318.21	9.30	584.04	51	300.20	3	6	416.53	10
Oct.	211.00	19.03	24.10	68.25	32.00	104.50	259.49	10.40	538.42	48	353.08	4	8	365.29	11
Nov.	185.00	14.88	23.15	47.00	11.95	31.72	277.86	90.08	537.95	47	160.15	3	6	431.41	12
Dec.	166.00	9.73	44.08	47.00	48.55	389.00	294.54	145.29	512.44	46	532.70	5	19	466.20	14

2226.00	47.64	217.89	577.00	600.89	666.65	2756.79	368.03	7057.19	52	3435.40	7	27	3657.46	16	14518.08
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				SOLDIERS' AID REPORT											
				3.00		8.86					11.86	1	5		11.86

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Omer T. DeRoy,
OVERSEER OF THE POOR

FIRE CHIEF

Somersworth, N. H., January, 1950

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City Council:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report of alarms for the year ending December 31, 1949.

The Somersworth Fire Department answered 97 calls during 1949 which were as follows:

Residential	59
Factories	3
Grass and brush calls, including City dump	14
Vehicles	10
False Alarms	2
Outside calls	9

	97
Still alarms	16

Total	113
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I want to extend my most sincere thanks to my Board of Engineers and the Somersworth Fire Department for their fine cooperation.

(s) Edward A. Caron,

Chief

FIRE ALARM BOXES

- 5 Depot and Main streets
- 6 Main and Franklin streets
- 12 City Hall
- 13 Main and Spring streets
- 14 Main and Indigo Hill road
- 15 Third street
- 16 New Dam
- 18 General Electric Co.
- 21 Franklin and Green streets
- 23 Myrtle and Green streets

- 24 Tremont and Green streets
- 25 Pleasant and West Green streets
- 26 Franklin and Garden streets
- 31 High and Washington streets
- 32 High and South streets
- 34 Bartlett avenue
- 35 Black Harry Clay
- 36 Central Park
- 41 Highland and Grand streets
- 43 Lincoln street
- 45 Lily Pond road
- 51 Court and Washington streets
- 52 High and Fore streets
- 54 Market street
- 56 Somersworth Shoe
- 62 West High St. and Maple St. Ext.
- 551 From Y to Blue Moon
- 552 From Blue Moon to Hanson's Corner
- 553 Hanson's Corner to Town Line
 - Test: 2 blasts, 6 o'clock, P. M., and 12 noon
 - 1 blast: Engineers' Call
- 2-2-2 House call
 - 4 Out of town and brush fires
 - 1-1 No-school signal

CITY TREASURER

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The City Treasurer herewith submits his report for the year ending December 31, 1949.

TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CITY OF SOMERSWORTH, N. H.

DR.		CR.	
To Cash Balance		Bonds,	\$ 10,000.00
Jan. 1, 1949	\$ 2,972.70	Cemetery, Special	1,188.01
Auto Taxes, 1948	167.83	Cemetery, Regular	6,162.29

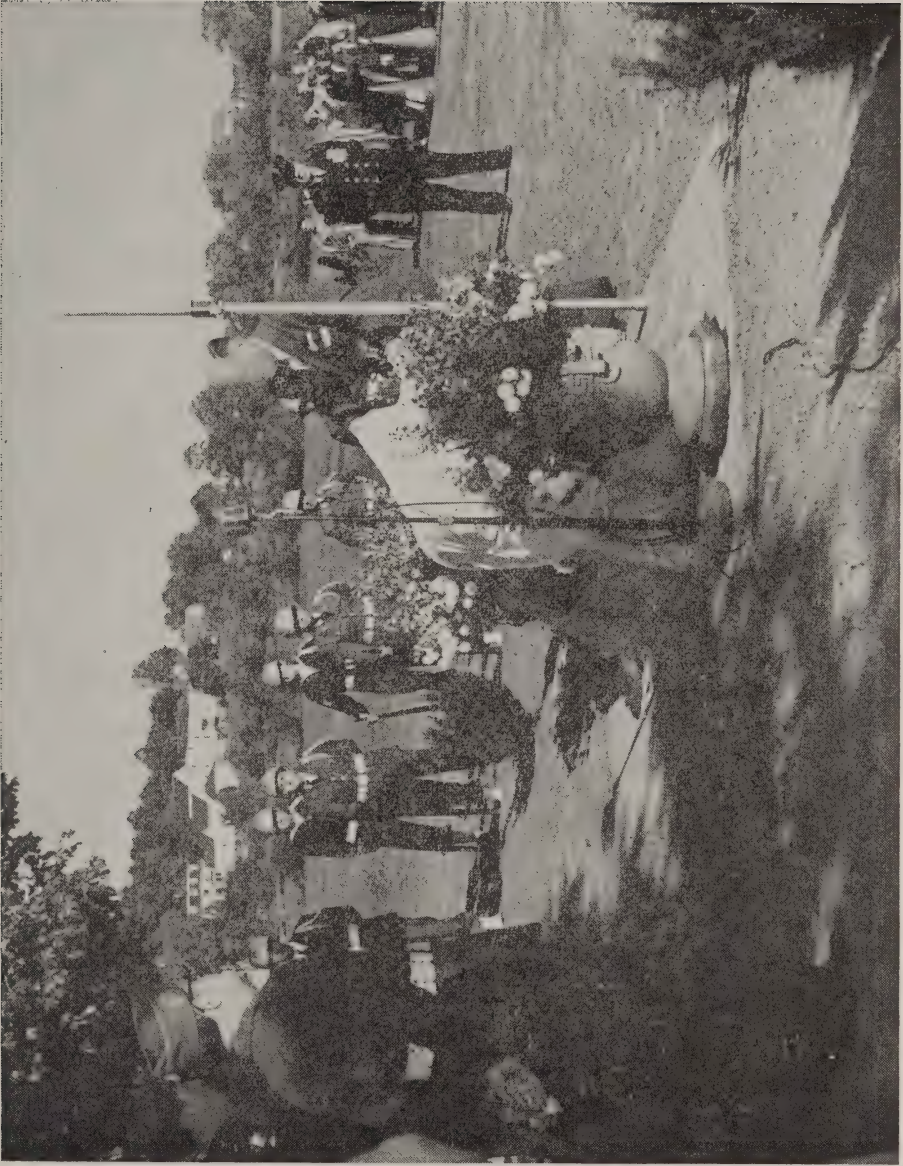
DR.		CR.	
Auto Taxes, 1949	13,115.92	Cemetery Trust	
Cemetery Trust		Fund	300.00
Fund,	300.00	Chandler Building,	482.73
Cemetery Trust		City Hall,	361.96
Funds Income,	1,042.60	County Tax,	20,904.25
Cemetery Income,	1,000.60	Fire Sept. Hose	1,450.00
Chandler Building,	540.00	Fire Department,	6,946.19
Chandler Fund		Health,	.90
Income,	40.20	Highways,	30,964.97
City Hall,	3,120.00	Highway Equip-	
Dog Licenses, 1948	5.34	ment	7,564.00
Dog Licenses, 1949	186.00	Hydrant,	4,000.00
Miscellaneous		Income Tax,	9,479.97
Licenses,	794.50	Interest,	3,229.17
Notes Payable,	312,812.50	Lights,	10,951.78
Police Court Fees,	1,200.00	Macadamizing,	1,508.65
State of New		Miscellaneous,	1,047.99
Hampshire,	7,414.14	Municipal Building,	912.79
Sundries,	8,401.75	Municipal	
Taxes 1943	2.00	Real Estate,	242.71
Taxes 1944	15.00	Notes Payable,	233,750.00
Taxes 1945	20.00	Notes Payable,	223,750.00
Taxes 1946	50.00	Outstanding Checks,	2,410.89
Taxes 1947	1,019.10	Police Station	
Taxes 1948	14,868.52	Special	1,948.20
Taxes 1949	225,290.05	Police,	25,063.42
Water Works,	40,087.35	Public Library,	3,159.15
Old City Barn	180.00	Printing,	1,731.01
		Salaries,	23,505.50
		Schools,	95,217.22
		State, Lower Main	
		Street	343.50
		Sundries,	6,760.98
		Tax Purchases,	
		Under Sundries	
		Water Works,	*28,820.50
		Welfare and Relief,	12,944.13
		Workmen's	
		Compensation,	1,732.63
STATE OF N. H. ITEMS			
Railroad Tax,	1,716.73		
Savings Bank Tax,	1,747.19		
Interest and Dividend			
Tax,	3,950.22		
\$	7,414.14		

DR.		CR.
SUNDRIES ITEMS		Blue Cross &
Rent Highway		Shield 1,519.05
Equipment,	108.00	Sea Coast Regional
Highway Depart-		Appropriation 100.00
ment,	116.50	TRA 514.69
School Depart-		
ment,	1,622.06	\$ 557,219.23
Fire Department,	3.25	Transferred to Water
Sale, Lumber BPW	9.60	& Sewer Bond a/c 66,564.02
Sale, Old Adding		
Machine,	40.00	623,783.25
Sale, Old Typewriter,	35.00	
Sale, Plans & Maps,	17.75	
Sale, City Land,	40.00	SUNDRIES ITEMS
Sale, Old Pipe		Memorial Day, 600.00
Highway,	10.00	Repairs on Public
Rent Pleasant St.		Buildings, 414.81
Property	120.00	Noble Pines, 2,210.44
Refund Tel. City		Athletic Field, 1,529.16
Marshal	97.25	District Nursing
Refund Old Age,	645.13	Service, 1,000.00
Refund Probation		Soldiers' Aid, 8.86
Dept. (N. H.)	1,020.00	Appropriation
Reimbursement		Shade Trees, 500.00
School Lunch	3,569.00	Special Poll Taxes 56.15
Reimbursement		Steel Mill Project 300.00
Dept. Ward Assets	58.00	Tax Sales (Purchases) 141.56
Ref. Blue Cross		
& Shield	8.40	6,760.98
Tax Redemptions,		By balance on
1947	540.13	hand, 10,862.85
Tax Interest,		
1948	134.72	Total \$ 634,646.10
Refund Noble Pines	1.47	
Refund Welfare Dept.	150.00	
	\$ 8,401.75	
Total	\$ 634,646.10	

Excess Transfer to		Excess transfer from	
Water & Sewer		Water & Sewer	
a/c	1,251.52	Bond a/c	1,251.52
Charged to Water		* Charge to Water	
Wks a/c by error	637.73	Works a/c by error	637.73
Grand Total	\$ 636,535.35	Grand Total	\$ 636,535.35

In Somersworth	
Savings Bank:	
Cemetery Trust	
Fund	52,071.24
Chandler Trust	
Fund	2,000.00
Forest Glade Cem.	
Gate Trust Fund	2,299.74
Richard Royal East-	
man Memorial:	
Prize Fund	131.30

Yvonne Turcotte,
City Treasurer





Memorial Field

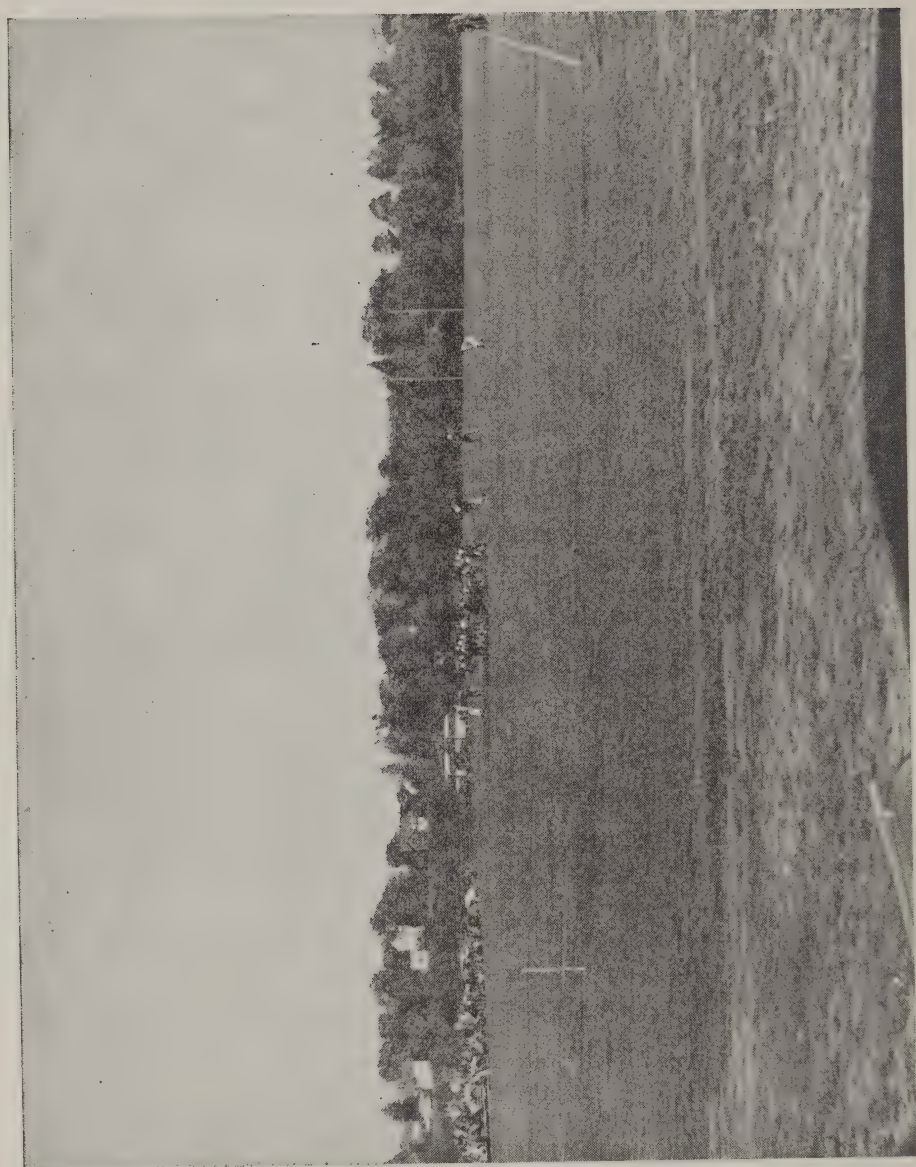
Memorial Field today is the result of careful and long range planning by City Officials and School Authorities. Purchased one year ago by the City Government, a parcel of land has been cultivated, graded and seeded and now stands as one of the best gridirons in the area.

A bronze plaque, placed on a granite boulder at the west end of the field, salutes the students of Somersworth High School who served in the armed forces of our country.

Construction of Memorial Field began early this spring. First emphasis was placed on completing the playing surface in order that the Hilltoppers might play host to visiting Ken-
nett High School of Conway on this Dedication Day.

With the construction of the gridiron complete, workmen will continue with plans which include a practice playing field in the rear of the bleachers, a parking lot adjacent to the playing surface near the flagpole and memorial plaque, and a track oval which will circle the major gridiron.

City officials, veterans' organizations and citizens are participating in these ceremonies today. Somersworth High will have its own athletic field for the first time in the history of the school.



Bonded Indebtedness

WATER BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council at a meeting held July 19, 1948, the City Treasurer and the Committee on Finance were authorized to issue \$29,000.00 bonds for improvement of a permanent nature to the city's water system, said bonds to be dated July 1, 1948 and to be payable July 1, \$3,000.00 in 1949 and \$7,000.00 in each of the years 1950, 1951 and 1952 inclusive.

Rate—1-¾ %			
Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding 7-1-49
July 1, 1948	\$29,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$21,000.00

MATURITIES

Due Date	Principal	Interest
Jan. 1, 1949		\$ 253.75
July 1, 1949	\$ 8,000.00	253.75
Jan. 1, 1950		183.75
July 1, 1950	7,000.00	183.75
Jan. 1, 1951		122.50
July 1, 1951	7,000.00	122.50
Jan. 1, 1952		61.25
July 1, 1952	7,000.00	61.25
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	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 1,242.50

SEWER BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council at the meeting held July 19, 1948, the City Treasurer and the Committee on Finance were authorized to issue \$31,000.00 bonds for improvements of a permanent nature to the City's Sewer system to be dated July 1, 1948 and to be payable July 1, \$10,000.00 in 1949 and \$7,000.00 in each of the years 1950, 1951 and 1952 inclusive.

Rate—1-¾ %			
Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding 7-1-49
July 1, 1948	\$31,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$21,000.00

MATURITIES

Due Date	Principal	Interest
Jan. 1, 1949		\$ 271.25
July 1, 1949	\$ 10,000.00	271.25
Jan. 1, 1950		183.75
July 1, 1950	7,000.00	183.75
Jan. 1, 1951		122.50
July 1, 1951	7,000.00	122.50
Jan. 1, 1952		61.25
July 1, 1952	7,000.00	61.25
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	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 1,277.50

WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, at a meeting held April 18, 1949, the Finance Committee of the City Council and City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$53,000.00 Water Works Improvement and Extension Bonds, (nos. 1 to 53) dated June 1, 1949, payable June 1, \$3,000.00 in 1950 to 1962 and \$2,000.00 in 1963 to 1969.

Rate 2- $\frac{1}{4}$ %

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. redeemed	Outstanding
June 1, 1949	\$53,000.00	_____	\$53,000.00

MATURITIES

Due Date	Principal	Interest
Dec. 1, 1949		\$ 596.25
June 1, 1950	\$ 3,000.00	596.25
Dec. 1, 1950		562.50
June 1, 1951	3,000.00	562.50
Dec. 1, 1951		528.75
June 1, 1952	3,000.00	528.75
Dec. 1, 1952		495.00
June 1, 1953	3,000.00	495.00
Dec. 1, 1953		461.25
June 1, 1954	3,000.00	461.25
Dec. 1, 1954		427.50
June 1, 1955	3,000.00	427.50

Dec. 1, 1955		393.75
June 1, 1956	3,000.00	393.75
Dec. 1, 1956		360.00
June 1, 1957	3,000.00	360.00
Dec. 1, 1957		326.25
June 1, 1958	3,000.00	326.25
Dec. 1, 1958		292.50
June 1, 1959	3,000.00	292.50
Dec. 1, 1959		258.75
June 1, 1960	3,000.00	258.75
Dec. 1, 1960		225.00
June 1, 1961	3,000.00	225.00
Dec. 1, 1961		191.25
June 1, 1962	3,000.00	191.25
Dec. 1, 1962		157.50
June 1, 1963	2,000.00	157.50
Dec. 1, 1963		135.00
June 1, 1964	2,000.00	135.00
Dec. 1, 1964		112.50
June 1, 1965	2,000.00	112.50
Dec. 1, 1965		90.00
June 1, 1966	2,000.00	90.00
Dec. 1, 1966		67.50
June 1, 1967	2,000.00	67.50
Dec. 1, 1967		45.00
June 1, 1968	2,000.00	45.00
Dec. 1, 1968		22.50
June 1, 1969	2,000.00	22.50
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		\$ 53,000.00 \$ 11,497.50

SEWER AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AND EXTENSION BONDS

Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the City Council of the City of Somersworth, N. H., at a meeting held April 18, 1949, the Finance Committee of the City Council and City Treasurer were authorized to prepare and sell \$37,000.00 and \$10,000.00 a total of \$47,000.00 Sewer Extension and Sidewalk Construction Bonds, Nos. 1 to 47 dated June 1, 1949, payable June 1, \$3,000.00 in 1950 to 1956 and \$2,000.00 in 1957 to 1969.

Rate $2\frac{1}{4}\%$

Date issued	Amt. issued	Amt. Redeemed	Outstanding 7-1-49	
June 1, 1949	47,000.00		\$47,000.00	
Due Date			Principal	Interest
Dec. 1, 1949			\$	\$ 528.75
June 1, 1950			3,000.00	528.75
Dec. 1, 1950				495.00
June 1, 1951			3,000.00	495.00
Dec. 1, 1951				461.25
June 1, 1952			3,000.00	461.25
Dec. 1, 1952				427.50
June 1, 1953			3,000.00	427.50
Dec. 1, 1953				393.75
June 1, 1954			3,000.00	393.75
Dec. 1, 1954				360.00
June 1, 1955			3,000.00	360.00
Dec. 1, 1955				326.25
June 1, 1956			3,000.00	326.25
Dec. 1, 1956				292.50
June 1, 1957			2,000.00	292.50
Dec. 1, 1957				270.00
June 1, 1958			2,000.00	270.00
Dec. 1, 1958				247.25
June 1, 1959			2,000.00	247.25
Dec. 1, 1959				225.00
June 1, 1960			2,000.00	225.00
Dec. 1, 1960				202.50
June 1, 1961			2,000.00	202.50
Dec. 1, 1961				180.00
June 1, 1962			2,000.00	180.00
Dec. 1, 1962				157.50
June 1, 1963			2,000.00	157.50
Dec. 1, 1963				135.00
June 1, 1964			2,000.00	135.00
Dec. 1, 1964				112.50
June 1, 1965			2,000.00	112.50
Dec. 1, 1965				90.00
June 1, 1966			2,000.00	90.00
Dec. 1, 1966				67.50
June 1, 1967			2,000.00	67.50

Dec. 1, 1967		45.00
June 1, 1968	2,000.00	45.00
Dec. 1, 1968		22.50
June 1, 1969	2,000.00	22.50
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	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 10,079.50

Valuation

	1948	1949
Real Estate	\$ 3,847,805.00	\$ 4,181,825.00
Growing Wood and Timber	2,800.00	200.00
Electric Plants	983,700.00	985,950.00
Horses, (25)	2,950.00	1,500.00 (16)
Cows, (146)	14,600.00	17,000.00 (170)
Other neat stock	200.00	300.00 (3)
Hogs, (2)	40.00	
Fowls, (2855)	2,855.00	4,595.00 (4595)
Portable Mills	5,000.00	5,000.00
Value of Wood and Lumber	7,700.00	3,470.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	5,235.00	3,940.00
Value of stock in trade	830,790.00	888,970.00
Mills, machinery and factories	367,830.00	626,455.00
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	\$ 6,071,005.00	\$ 6,719,205.00
Somersworth Nation Bank		
780 shares	780.00	780.00 (780)
Somersworth First National Bank		
774 shares	774.00	777.00 (777)
Rochester First National Bank		
25 shares	6.25	6.25 (25)
Soldiers' exemptions	191,865.00	235,860.00
Poll Taxes, 3098 @ \$2.00	6,196.00	6,290.00 (3145)

Appropriations, 1948-1949

	1948	1949
Bonds Sewer System	\$	\$ 10,000.00
Interest, Sewer System		271.25
T. R. A.	513.79	514.69
Cemetery	5,000.00	4,500.00
Fire Department	8,000.00	7,200.00
Highway	32,700.00	32,000.00
Hydrants	4,000.00	4,000.00
Library	3,170.00	3,550.00
Macadam	3,000.00	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	2,500.00
Municipal Building	1,000.00	1,200.00
Somersworth District Nursing		
Service	1,000.00	1,000.00
Noble Pines	2,500.00	2,500.00
Interest, Notes Payable	1,513.95	2,095.42
Police Department	22,800.00	22,800.00
Printing	2,500.00	2,000.00
Repairs to Public Buildings	1,000.00	800.00
Salaries	20,805.00	25,705.00
Schools	90,000.00	99,308.77
Street Lights	10,834.00	10,966.44
Welfare Relief	9,300.00	9,800.00
County Tax	22,596.79	22,600.00
Police Station—Major Repairs		1,800.00
Memorial Day	600.00	600.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,300.00	1,450.00
Trees	500.00	500.00
Highway Equipment: Walter one-way Plow \$760.00; 2 Sand Spreaders @ \$195.00 ea.—\$390.00; Dodge Truck \$2,699.00; Cletrac Sidewalk Plow \$3,000.00; Plow \$745.00		7,594.00
Fire Hose		1,450.00
Football Field (Note and Construction)		2,750.00
Member Seacoast Region		100.00

Lower Main Street Const. (State Highway)	350.00
Cemetery Special (Road Construction)	1,294.44

Highway Special Equipment	15,000.00
Worthington Pump	734.53
Gasoline Road Roller Repairs	2,067.00
Parks	300.00
Dodge Truck (2 Ton) Highway	3,630.40
Hook and Ladder Truck Repairs	800.00
U. S. W. V. Celebration	100.00
Highway Special (Construction)	1,500.00
Fire Tank Truck	2,500.00
Retirement (Employees)	1,025.00

Total Appropriations	\$ 274,290.46	\$ 286,200.01
Amount to be raised by Taxation	214,193.42	233,407.62
Total Valuation	6,071,005.00	6,719,205.00

1949 Tax rate approved by Tax Commission, \$36.00 per \$1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
 Romeo St. Laurent,
 Simeon Rainville,
 Norman A. Fournier,
 Committee on Finance

Report of Auditors for the Year Ending December 31, 1949

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:
 Gentlemen:

We herewith submit our report as auditors for the year ending December 31, 1949.

We certify that we have examined the books and vouchers

of the City Clerk and City Treasurer. We find the accounts to agree with orders drawn on the Treasurer, and the accounts correctly cast.

We have examined the books of the Tax Collector, Water Department, Supt. of Forest Glade Cemetery, City Messenger, and the Clerk of the Municipal Court, and find all accounts correctly cast and the payments properly vouchered.

We thank the heads of all departments for their cooperation in assisting us in every way possible.

Respectfully submitted,

(s) M. C. O'Connell,

(s) George H. Gould,

City Auditors

Tax Rate In N. H. Cities, 1949-1948

City	1949	1948
	Per Thousand	
	Rate	Rate
Dover	\$ 33.00	\$ 51.00
Somersworth	36.00	36.00
Claremont	39.40	41.10
Rochester	40.50	39.00
Manchester	40.60	41.00
Laconia	40.80	38.00
Portsmouth	41.00	41.70
Keene	43.20	42.50
Franklin	45.50	43.00
Nashua	46.30	41.30
Berlin	48.00	46.00
Concord	51.80	46.10
Average Tax Rate in New Hampshire	1949	\$ 43.10
	1948	40.50
	1947	37.10
	1946	34.10

Departmental Expenditures

WATER WORKS, SEWER and SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

Water Works Construction

Labor (Standpipe) (Gross)	\$	1,704.30	
Withholding Tax		67.80	
Labor (Net)	\$	1,636.50	
Repairing Stand Pipe		11,795.79	
Water Pipe		12,212.25	
Contract Work and Extras		12,962.97	
Supplies and Fittings		4,024.43	
Engineering and Inspection		1,445.88	
Misc. and Advertising		123.59	
			\$ 44,201.41

Sewer Construction

Contract Work and Extras	15,833.22	
Sewer Pipe	4,780.67	
Engineering and Inspection	1,155.99	
Advertising and Misc.	117.93	
		21,887.81

Sidewalk Construction

Labor (Gross)	1,231.00	
Blue Cross & Shield	14.55	
Withholding Tax	37.90	
	52.45	
Labor (Net)	1,178.55	
Cement and Supplies	868.82	
		2,047.37
Total Cost of all construction	\$	68,136.59
Transferred from general fund		
7-11-49	\$	35,000.00
Transferred from general fund		
8-18-49		66,564.02

Total Transfer	101,564.02
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Total Exp.		68,136.59	
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		\$	33,427.43
Outstanding Check No. 783—			
A. D. Turgeon	17.50		
Charged to Regular			
Water Works a/c	637.73**		
	<hr/>		655.23
			<hr/>
			34,082.66
Balance in Somersworth			
National Bank		\$	34,082.66
		<hr/>	
Transferred from General Fund	101,564.02		
Sale of Bonds & Accrued Interest	100,312.50		
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To be transferred to General Fund	1,251.50		
To be transferred to General Fund	673.37**		

ATHLETIC FIELD

Labor (Gross)	\$	173.60	
Withholding Tax		.30	
		<hr/>	
Labor (Net)		173.30	
Fertilizer and Seed		614.09	
Plowing, etc.		181.00	
Grades and Lines		81.00	
Supplies		252.36	
Whiting		194.50	
Miscellaneous		51.46	
Engineering		10.95	
		<hr/>	
Total	\$	1,558.66	\$ 1,558.66
Outstanding checks		29.50	
		<hr/>	
		1,529.16	
By Appropriation		2,750.00	
Transferred to City Treasury		1,191.34	
		<hr/>	
	\$	1,558.66	\$ 1,558.66

BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD

Salaries	\$	546.15
Police		162.00
Water Works		56.10
Highway		182.25
Library		25.20
Schools		542.25
Cemetery		5.10
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Total	\$	1,519.05
City Treasurer		1,519.05

BONDS

Sewer Bonds	\$	10,000.00
City Treasurer		10,000.00
By Appropriation	\$	10,000.00

CEMETERY

Superintendent	\$	760.00	
Labor		4,165.10	
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Total Gross Salaries		4,925.10	
Withholding Tax and Blue Cross		178.00	
Net Amount—Salaries and Labor		<hr/>	
	\$		4,747.10
Dressing		13.50	
Supplies		534.49	
Plants and Shrubs		291.01	
Repairs		525.46	
Truck Maint.		24.03	
Turf		66.00	
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Total	\$	6,201.59	\$ 6,201.59
Outstanding checks		39.30	
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City Treasurer		6,162.29	
Transferred to City Treasury			341.61
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	\$		6,543.20
Cemetery Trust Funds Income		1,042.60	

Cemetery Income	1,000.60	
By Appropriation	4,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,543.20

CEMETERY SPECIAL

Tarvia	\$ 1,188.01	
City Treasurer	1,188.01	\$ 1,188.01
Transferred to City Treasury		110.43
		<hr/>
		1,294.44
By Appropriation	\$	1,294.44

CHANDLER BUILDING

Lights	\$ 12.02	
Repairs	38.59	
Fuel	172.69	
Insurance	245.03	
Water Rental	14.40	
Total	<hr/>	\$ 482.73
City Treasurer	482.73	
Transferred to City Treasury		57.27
		<hr/>
		\$ 540.00
By Receipts	\$	540.00

CITY HALL

Insurance	\$ 351.10	
Supplies	10.86	
	<hr/>	\$ 361.96
Total	\$ 361.96	
City Treasurer	361.96	
By receipts	3,120.00	
Transferred to City Treasury	2,758.04	
	<hr/>	\$ 361.96

COUNTY TAX

Treasurer, Strafford County	\$ 20,904.25	
City Treasurer	20,904.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 20,904.25
By Appropriation	22,600.00	

Transferred to City Treasury	1,695.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 20,904.25
DISTRICT NURSING SERVICE		
State Treasurer of New Hampshire		\$ 1,000.00
City Treasurer		1,000.00
By Appropriation		1,000.00
FIRE		
Firemen's Semi-annual Pay	\$ 3,765.00	
Assistant Driver	339.60	
Labor	230.86	
Gas and Telephone	331.93	
Supplies	171.17	
Gas and Oil	38.50	
Repairs-Fire Alarm	63.00	
Truck Maintenance and Repairs	299.40	
Lights and Fuel	635.72	
Miscellaneous	339.64	
Insurance	546.11	
Maintenance-Fire Alarm	207.30	
Water	57.02	
Repairs	31.55	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,056.80
Total	\$ 7,056.80	
Outstanding checks	110.61	
	<hr/>	
	6,946.19	
City Treasurer	6,946.19	
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By Appropriation	7,200.00	
Transferred to City Treasury	143.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,056.80
HEALTH		
Supplies		.90
City Treasurer		.90
Transferred from City Treasury		.90
FIRE HOSE		
Fire hose	\$ 1,450.00	
City Treasurer	1,450.00	
By Appropriation	1,450.00	

HIGHWAY

Labor (Gross)		\$ 23,300.70
Withholding Tax	\$ 886.70	
Blue Cross & Shield	151.95	
		<u>1,038.65</u>
Net Labor		22,262.05
Fuel		277.95
Truck Maintenance and		
Repairs		1,944.52
Supplies		1,082.15
Gas and Oil		2,579.27
Miscellaneous		132.11
Repairs		748.20
Lights and Telephone		254.16
Insurance		547.13
Water		18.60
Repairs to Shovel Tractor		824.65
Salt		399.00
		<u>\$ 31,069.79</u>
Total		\$ 31,069.79
Outstanding Checks		104.82
		<u>30,964.97</u>
City Treasurer		\$ 30,964.97
By Appropriation	32,000.00	
Rental, Highway Equip.	108.00	
Reimbursement	116.50	
Sale of Old Pipe	10.00	
		<u>32,234.50</u>
Transferred to City		
Treasury	1,164.71	
		<u>\$ 31,069.79</u>

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Plows and Spreaders	\$ 1,895.00
Dodge Truck	2,699.00
Tractor and Sidewalk Plow	2,970.00
	<u></u>
Total	\$ 7,564.00

By Appropriation	\$ 7,594.00	
Transferred to City Treasury	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,564.00

HYDRANTS

Fire Hydrant Service	\$ 4,000.00
City Treasurer	4,000.00
By Appropriation	4,000.00

INTEREST

Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 2,070.42	
Athletic Field Note	87.50	
Sewer and Sidewalk Bonds	1,071.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,229.17
	3,229.17	
City Treasurer	3,229.17	

By Appropriation—

Sewer Bonds 271.25

By Appropriation 2,095.42

Transferred from

City Treasury 862.50

\$ 3,229.17

LIBRARY

Salaries (Gross)	\$ 2,394.90	
Withholding Tax	102.00	
Blue Cross & Shield	25.20	127.20
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Salaries (Net)	2,267.70	
Books	847.87	
Telephone	58.45	
Lights	60.40	
Supplies	75.25	
Printing and Binding	97.11	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,406.78
Total	3,406.78	
Outstanding checks	247.63	

City Treasurer 3,159.15

3,159.15

By Appropriation	3,550.00		
½ of Chandler Fund			
Income	20.10		
Transferred to City			
Treasury	153.32		
		\$	3,406.78
LOWER MAIN STREET CONSTRUCTION			
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$ 343.50		
City Treasurer	343.50		
		\$	343.50
By Appropriation	350.00		
Transferred to City			
Treasury	6.50		
		\$	343.50
MACADAM			
Tarvia		\$	1,508.65
City Treasurer			1,508.65
By Appropriation	\$ 3,000.00		
Transferred to City Treasury	1,491.35		
		\$	1,508.65
MEMORIAL DAY			
American Legion Post No. 69		\$	450.00
V. F. W. Post No. 4485			150.00
Total		\$	600.00
City Treasurer			600.00
By Appropriation			600.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
Office Expenses:			
City Clerk	\$	211.29	
Tax Collector		249.43	
Assessors		273.25	
Reporting Vitals		26.25	
Drawing Jurors		4.50	
Bonds		106.40	
Elections		132.01	
Miscellaneous		91.11	
		\$	1,094.24

Transferred to Salaries Acct.	26.25		
	<hr/>	\$	1,067.99
Total	1,067.99		
Outstanding Checks	20.00		
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	\$	1,047.99	
Transferred to City			
By Appropriation	2,500.00		
Treasury	1,432.01		
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		\$	1,067.99
	1,067.99		

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Telephone and Lights	\$	542.09	
Supplies		129.83	
Repairs		22.00	
Water		13.00	
Insurance		223.22	
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	\$	930.14	
Total	\$	930.14	
Outstanding Checks		17.35	
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		912.79	
City Treasurer		912.79	
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By Appropriation	1,200.00		
Transferred to City			
Treasury	269.86		
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		\$	930.14

NOBLE PINES

Salaries (Gross)	\$	1,710.00	
Withholding Tax		103.60	
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Salaries (Net)		1,606.40	
Lights		78.35	
Miscellaneous		30.00	
Seed and Fertilizer		178.79	
Supplies		298.88	
Repairs		27.58	
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		\$	2,200.00

Total	2,200.00	
Outstanding Checks	9.56	
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	2,210.44	
City Treasurer	2,210.44	
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By Appropriation	2,500.00	
Noble Pines Refund	1.47	
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	2,501.47	
Transferred to City		
Treasury	281.47	
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		\$ 2,200.00

NOTES PAYABLE

Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 197,500.00	
Anticipation of Bonds Sale	35,000.00	
Athletic Field Note	1,250.00	
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		\$ 233,750.00
Total	\$ 233,750.00	
City Treasurer	233,750.00	
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Tax Revenue	198,750.00	
On acct. Bonds Sale	35,000.00	
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		\$ 233,750.00

POLICE

Salaries (Gross)	\$ 24,288.40	
Retirement	232.00	
Withholding Tax	1,006.60	
Blue Cross & Shield	162.00	
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	1,400.60	
Salaries (Net)	\$ 22,887.80	
N. H. Police Retirement		
Board (City's Share)	758.00	
Telephone	1,086.41	
Lights	181.08	
Auto Hire	200.05	
Supplies	186.56	

Miscellaneous	42.65		
	<hr/>	\$	25,342.55
Total	25,342.55		
Outstanding Checks	279.13		
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	25,063.42		
City Treasurer	25,063.42		
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By Appropriation	22,800.00		
Telephone Refund	97.25		
Transferred from City			
Treasury	2,445.30		
	<hr/>	\$	25,342.55

PRINTING

City Reports	\$	932.00	
Municipal Building		15.00	
City Clerk		58.30	
Tax Collector		216.55	
Mayor		20.85	
Supervisors		390.56	
Elections		97.75	
	<hr/>	\$	1,731.01
Total		1,731.01	
City Treasurer		1,731.01	
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By Appropriation	2,000.00		
Transferred to City			
Treasury	268.99		
	<hr/>	\$	1,731.01

POLICE STATION SPECIAL

Repairs	\$	1,562.08	
Equipment		418.00	
	<hr/>	\$	1,980.08
Total		1,980.08	
Outstanding Check		31.88	
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		1,948.20	
City Treasurer		1,948.20	

By Appropriation	1,800.00	
Transferred from City		
Treasury	180.08	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,980.08

REPAIRS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Fire Station	\$	168.10	
Library		129.74	
City Hall		14.12	
Municipal Building		12.25	
Ward 3		90.60	
		<hr/>	\$ 414.81
Total		414.81	
City Treasurer		414.81	
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By Appropriation	800.00		
Transferred to City			
Treasury	385.19		
	<hr/>		\$ 414.81

SALARIES

Municipal Building—Salaries (Gross)	\$	19,850.74	
Withholding Tax		1,367.37	
Blue Cross & Shield		316.56	
		<hr/>	1,683.87
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Municipal Building—			
Salaries (Net)		18,166.87	
Quarterly Salaries		5,225.00	
Auditors		150.00	
Salaries—Election		691.75	
		<hr/>	\$ 24,233.62
Total	\$	24,233.62	
Outstanding Checks		728.12	
		<hr/>	
		23,505.50	
City Treasurer		23,505.50	
By Appropriation	25,705.00		

Transferred to City

Treasury

1,471.38

\$ 24,233.62

SCHOOLS

Salaries (Gross)

Teachers	\$ 60,157.20
Janitors	6,282.67
Nurse, Clerks, Truant & District Officers	3,513.50
Teachers' Retirement	485.88
School Lunch Help	1,530.60
Special Instructions	372.00

Total Salaries (Gross) \$ 72,341.85

Withholding Taxes \$ 5,585.00

Blue Cross & Shield 714.60

Retirement 1,803.90

Total Deductions 8,103.50

Salaries (Net) \$ 64,238.35

Transportation 7,050.00

Telephone, Gas, Water &

Lights 1,425.32

Administration 1,339.25

New Equipment 756.80

Supplies 1,635.44

Books 1,043.44

Special Activities 251.14

Expenses of Instruction 1,919.56

Fuel 1,669.53

Insurance 1,281.63

Repairs 2,657.19

Teachers' Retirement 1,795.40

Teachers' Retirement
(City's Share) 2,490.00

School Lunch 2,837.46

Superintendent's Excess

Salary 1,605.75

Superintendent's Retirement 89.34

Per Capita Tax	1,044.00	
Census	205.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 95,335.00
Total	\$ 95,335.00	
Outstanding Checks	117.78	
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	95,217.22	
City Treasurer	95,217.22	
By Appropriation	99,308.77	
School Lunch Reimburse- ment	3,569.00	
War Assets Dept.	58.00	
Dog Licenses	191.34	
One-half Chandler Fund		
Income	20.10	
Sale of Typewriter	35.00	
Teachers' Reimbursement	1,622.06	
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	104,804.27	
Trans. to City Treasury	9,469.27	
	<hr/>	\$ 95,335.00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION—TREES

Sudbury Nurseries, Inc., shade trees	\$	500.00
City Treasurer		500.00
By Appropriation		500.00

SEACOAST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Seacoast Regional Development Association	\$	100.00
City Treasurer		100.00
By Appropriation		100.00

SPECIAL POLL TAXES

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$	56.15
City Treasurer		56.15
Special Assessment		56.15

STEEL MILL PROJECT

N. H. Steel Project—Proportional share for survey for location of steel mill	\$	300.00
City Treasurer		300.00
By Appropriation		300.00

STREET LIGHTS

Public Service Company of N. H.	\$ 10,951.78
City Treasurer	10,951.78
By Appropriation	\$ 10,966.44
Transferred to City Treasury	15.34
	<hr/> 10,951.78

TAX SALES

Joseph F. McKeon, Tax Collector	\$ 141.56
City Treasurer	141.56

T. R. A.

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	\$ 514.69
City Treasurer	514.69
By Appropriation	514.69

WATER WORKS

Salaries:

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 2,444.56
Labor	5,130.26
Commissioners' Salaries	500.00
Total Salaries	
(Gross)	<hr/> 8,074.82
Withholding Tax	188.70
Blue Cross & Shield	51.00
	<hr/> 239.70

Salaries (Net)	7,835.12
Gas and Oil	68.69
Supplies	3,670.00
Truck Maintenance	773.08
Power, Lights & Telephone	3,552.49
Repairs	476.82
Miscellaneous	330.66
Car Rental	100.00
Insurance	255.50
Fuel	254.18
Equipment	2,138.75

Bonds	8,000.00		
Interest on Bonds	1,103.75		
		<hr/>	\$ 28,559.04
Total	\$ 28,559.04		
Outstanding Checks	376.27		
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City Treasurer	\$ 28,182.77		
By Receipts	\$ 40,087.35		
Transferred to City			
Treasury	11,528.31		
		<hr/>	\$ 28,559.04

WELFARE AND RELIEF

Salaries (Gross)	\$ 208.32		
Withholding	31.00		
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Salaries (Net)	177.32		
Old Age Assistance	6,563.16		
Board and Care	2,592.37		
Office Expenses	149.78		
Fuel	162.19		
Medical	853.27		
Food	2,060.00		
Rent	530.00		
Lights	10.50		
		<hr/>	\$ 13,098.59
	13,098.59		
Outstanding checks	154.46		
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	12,944.13		
City Treasurer	12,944.13		
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Soldiers' Aid			8.86
			<hr/>
			\$ 13,107.45
By Appropriation	9,800.00		
Welfare Refund	150.00		
Probation Dept. Refund	1,020.00		
Old Age Refund	645.13		

Transferred from City Treasury	1,492.32	
		\$ 13,107.45
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION		
William G. Ball Agency		\$ 1,732.63
City Treasurer		1,732.63
WITHHOLDING TAX		
Collector of Internal Revenue		\$ 9,479.97
City Treasurer		9,479.97

Returns of Biennial Election Held November 8, 1949

W A R D O N E

MAYOR

Democrat		Republican	
Romeo St. Laurent	321	Romeo St. Laurent	23
		Clevis DesMarais	1
		Charles Ingalls	1
		Edwin Furlong	1

TWO COUNCILMEN FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Oscar Lemay	292	William M. Ames	74
Simeon Rainville	285	Maxwell T. Young	78

MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD FOR TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Elizabeth M. Ball	297	Elizabeth M. Ball	59

THREE SELECTMEN FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Thomas Lazzara	279	Mary F. Bell	75
Flora Lemay	290	Hayward C. Logan	74
Omer Nadeau	294	Arthur Soldati	72

QUESTION

"Shall the provisions of Chapter 171-A of the Revised Laws relative to playing games of beano be adopted in this City?"
 YES 211 NO 46

W A R D T W O

MAYOR

Democrat		Republican	
Romeo St. Laurent	248	Romeo St. Laurent	4
		John Hodsdon	1

TWO COUNCILMEN FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Norman A. Fournier	242	Norman Fournier	3
Louis P. Chasse	241	Louis P. Chasse	3

MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD FOR TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Angelina Bickford	241	Angelina Bickford	3

THREE SELECTMEN FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Thomas C. Joyal	242		
Charles Michel	239		
Margaret C. O'Connell	241		

QUESTION

"Shall the provisions of Chapter 171-A of the Revised Laws relative to playing games of beano be adopted in this City?"
 YES 226 NO 28

W A R D T H R E E

MAYOR

Democrat		Republican	
Romeo St. Laurent	403	Romeo St. Laurent	2

TWO COUNCILMEN FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Roy L. Gardner	358	Percy D. Furbush	27
Hector A. Sirois	371	Anthony W. Zabrick	29

MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD FOR TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Louis Landry	361	Charles G. Deshaies	39

THREE SELECTMEN FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Peter Chasse	365	Harold E. Moore	39
George J. Lauzon	354	Frank W. Rogers	40
Louis Therrien	355	William J. Orr	34

QUESTION

"Shall the provisions of Chapter 171-A of the Revised Laws relative to playing games of beano be adopted in this City?"
 YES 283 NO 35

W A R D F O U R

MAYOR

Democrat		Republican	
Romeo St. Laurent	446		

TWO COUNCILMEN FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Joseph Aubert	425	Roger Gardener	10
William J. Vigneault	419	Henry Lang	10

MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD FOR TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Leo H. Cater	429	Lillian S. Wilder	11

THREE SELECTMEN FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat		Republican	
Onesime Blouin	427	John E. Harrity	9
Ovide Nadeau	429	Martin E. Herrity	5
William Perron	427		

QUESTION

"Shall the provisions of Chapter 171-A of the Revised Laws relative to playing games of beano be adopted in this City?"
 YES 331 NO 30

W A R D F I V E

MAYOR

Democrat	Republican
Romeo St. Laurent	220

TWO COUNCILMEN FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat	Republican
Leon J. Littlefield	210
Alfred Perusse	209
Willis P. Gould	18
Glendon Randall	18

MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD FOR TWO YEARS

Democrat	Republican
Anna Bernier	216
Ernestine McNally	18

THREE SELECTMEN FOR TERM OF TWO YEARS

Democrat	Republican
Alfred Grondin	210
Theodore Grondin	210
Alfred J. Lamb	206
Harry Curran	23
John E. Hanagan	16
Edward E. Libby	19

QUESTION

"Shall the provisions of Chapter 171-A of the Revised Laws relative to playing games of beano be adopted in this City?"
 YES 210 NO 8

Proposed High School Building

The representative group of citizens forming the Special School Building Committee has completed its study of conditions relative to the adequateness of present facilities of our schools in order to properly equip our youth for the responsibilities of citizenship on a comparative basis with other communities and the need of an auditorium-gymnasium to improve the civic spirit and community life of our people. A thorough study of known factors such as the increased birth rate, the improved industrial conditions, and the approximately 160 new homes already built, all of which point to the

growth of our City as well as the number one problem of the out-dated Burleigh School and the need of a meeting place for school and civic activities were taken into consideration by the Committee, however, the Committee will gladly consider any suggestions from the people that might improve the present plans or bring to their attention some features they might have overlooked—for this purpose the plans will be kept in the Mayor's office where they can be scrutinized at your convenience. Possible future needs has been greatly stressed in all planning discussions for the committee realizes that should this school be built it could well be for fifty or a hundred years—the location and its relation to transportation, its nearness to the populated area, enough land for parking areas, play areas, athletic fields and roads leading in and out of these areas were all considered. The building is planned to accommodate 300 children as compared to 200 in the present High Schools with both ends of the building so constructed as to enable the addition of one or more wings should the need arise in years to come and the gymnasium to seat 1200 at a basketball game, 1800 if the floor was used for seating along with a very large stage. These plans have been approved by the State Board of Education and mailed to the Government to meet the requirements agreed to when planning money was accepted from the government. There is a strong possibility that federal money will be available on a matching basis for the construction of school buildings throughout the Country.

The School Building Committee is composed of H. V. Sheahan, E. L. Whitten, S. Rainville, H. O. Jackson, A. J. Boucher, J. F. Beamis, J. F. McKeon, J. F. Malley, L. O. Perreault, R. J. Fontaine, Supt. Osgood and R. St. Laurent.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Honorable Mayor and School Board Members of Somersworth:

I am pleased to present my third annual report as superintendent of your schools.

The report will deal with the following subjects: Personnel; Buildings; Health and Safety Education; In Service Training; School Finances and New Equipment; Recommendations.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The only change in the faculty of the Somersworth schools during the past year was the selection of Miss Annette Dupuis to replace Mrs. Shirley Brown as a high school teacher of ninth grade English, U. S. History and girls physical education. Mrs. Brown resigned at the close of the 1948-49 school year to locate in Massachusetts. Miss Dupuis is a graduate of Plymouth Teachers' College (1948) and had taught for one year in Peterborough, New Hampshire. All other school personnel have continued in their respective positions.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

It is hoped that a new high school will be constructed in the near future to better serve the needs of our high school pupils and to make possible the abandonment of the old Burleigh School (constructed in 1872). Preliminary plans have been completed by the Building Committee, which was appointed by Mayor St. Laurent in 1948; the plans have been approved and financed by the Federal Government. The School Board has recently made a definite recommendation that the City Council appropriate the necessary funds immediately.

With the construction of a new high school, the Chandler School could be remodeled to become a fairly good primary school and the present high school building which was constructed in 1925 could, with comparatively minor expense, be remodeled to become an excellent building for intermediate and upper elementary grades.

Health and Safety Education:

In addition to the usual examinations and follow-up work of our school nurse, the health program in the Somersworth schools consists of direct and indirect health instruction in the various grades. All teachers maintain constant vigil over the general appearance and actions of the children. Suspicious cases are reported to the nurse who makes examination and when necessary reports them to the parents. Basic subject matter in all grades stresses health through stories, vocabulary and project work. Biology, home economics, elementary science

and chemistry are high school subjects that stress health instruction.

Plans are now underway to provide physical education to the pupils in the Chandler School next year; recent employment of a person trained in that field will be the beginning of such a program.

The Somersworth Parent Teachers' Association has attempted during the present year to provide some training in physical education to all elementary children. It is possible that this may be done for the primary grades during the coming year.

In-Service-Training:

During the past year the Somersworth teachers have had the advantage of seeing and discussing professional teacher films on the following subjects:

1. Learning to understand children
 - (a) Fundamental Approach
 - (b) Remedial
2. Broader concepts of method
3. Maintaining classroom discipline

All Somersworth teachers participated in local public discussion groups on "A Study of New Hampshire Schools" as the study applied to Somersworth schools and at subsequent teachers meetings have discussed many questions which were raised at the public meetings. It is felt that such discussions are of great benefit to the non-school participants as well as to the teachers.

Additional in-service-training of teachers has resulted from an annual Supervisory Union dinner meeting of all teachers at which time the group enjoyed a speaker and discussions on general professional subjects.

All teachers attended the two day State Teachers' Convention last October and several have attended and participated in professional group meetings throughout the state as designated for their particular interests.

SCHOOL FINANCES: A brief study of "total per pupil expenditures" in Somersworth for 1948-1949 as compared to

the average per pupil expenditure for the state indicates that Somersworth with an expenditure of \$199.03 is somewhat below the state average of \$229.49.

It has been noted however that "comparative figures" often need lengthy explanations if they are to be of real value.

We are continuing to provide up-to-date text books and a reasonable amount of supplies for all pupils.

NEW EQUIPMENT: It is a pleasure to report that several items of necessary new equipment have been provided for by the school board in the past two years. A list of some of the more important items follows:

PURCHASES SINCE JUNE 1948

1. A new Lite-Weight Victor moving picture projector and screen for Chandler and Burleigh Schools @ \$380.
2. New dark-out shades for the lunch room in the Chandler School and for the "spare" room in the Burleigh School.
3. New olive tan shades (guaranteed for 20 years) for the lunch room.
4. Two new electric Singer Sewing Machines for the high school home economics. These are the only sewing machines in the school that are less than 15-18 years old. (We have planned to purchase one more from the 1950-1951 budget.)
5. A "Massachusetts Vision Test"—equipment for testing children's sight in a scientific way—this replaces the outmoded card system and is the one recommended by the State Department of Education—\$106.95.
6. A new Maico Audiometer for more careful checking of the hearing found to be suspicious by use of the "group audiometer" as loaned by the State. Cost \$295.00.
7. Ten new typewriters for the high school.
8. A new one-half H. P. Electric Grinder for the high school shop. The old one had become practically worn-out and outmoded during the war years.
9. Four new full-size screens for the lunch room—made by the mechanic arts boys of the high school. (There had been no screens in the lunch room previously.)
10. A new Delta power saw for the high school shop—particularly necessary for the cabinet making classes.

11. Several smaller pieces of shop and laboratory equipment.

12. A continuation of the program of replacing worn and out-dated books, continues. New maps, victrola records and other teaching aids are purchased as needed and as the budget allows.

In the high school, after a series of several meetings on the subject, teachers have devised plans whereby all pupils may receive special recognition for participation in special activities in addition to athletics. It is now possible for pupils to receive a school letter through an accumulative point system for such activities as being a class officer, participating in dramatics, music or other so-called "extra class" or club work.

In conclusion, the following recommendations are offered for consideration:

1. That physical examinations by a medical doctor be given to each child at least three times during his 12 years of public education.

2. That a public kindergarten be included in the school program after the proposed reorganization of the use of buildings.

3. That building facilities be extended to provide a school lunch to each pupil who desires it rather than to only those who ride on the school busses.

4. That physical education be provided to the children in all grades.

5. That a single salary schedule for teachers be adopted and followed.

In closing I wish to thank the school personnel, the Mayor and other members of the school board and all others who have helped to make for better schools in Smersworth.

Respectfully submitted,
JONATHAN A. OSGOOD

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